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Teacher's union headed back to bargaining table

NEGOTIATIONS It's back to the bargaining table for the Nova Scotia Community College and the union representing 930 of its faculty and professional support staff workers.

The Nova Scotia Teachers Union members could have headed for the picket lines instead, but a news release yesterday said they've accepted an offer to return to negotiations starting Friday.

"It's the union's expectation that going back to the table means the minister of education is prepared to provide the financial commitment necessary to reach a fair and equitable agreement with these employees — and avert a strike," NSTU president Alexis Allen said in the release.

Talks between the two sides came to a stop in June and union members voted in favour of striking last week. Community college employees haven't had a contract since last August.

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A model wears a creation from the Lublu K. Plastinina women's spring/summer 2010 fashion collection, presented in Milan, Italy yesterday.

NDP dinner off the table

Liberals protest MLA event

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The breakdown in decorum at Province House has seemingly gotten so bad the three parties now can't even sit down together for dinner.

The annual Speaker's dinner scheduled for tonight had to be delayed indefinitely after the Liberals announced they were protesting the event. They said it was irresponsible to ask taxpayers to pay for politicians to wine and dine during a recession.

The dinner costs \$35 for each MLA but taxpayers cover about \$1,300 of extra costs.

NDP House Leader Frank Corbett said his party had no problem revising the dinner price, but he questioned the Liberal motives. "The Liberal leader (Stephen McNeil) put his position out saying he was trying to save money. It's a good thing he cares more about \$35 than \$45,000," Corbett said.

The house leader was referencing the NDP decision to eliminate a \$45,000 no-

questions-asked payment to MLAs when they leave office.

Opposition parties were sore over the decision because they said they read the news in the press before getting confirmation themselves. The Conservatives announced yesterday they wouldn't have attended the dinner anyway in protest of the NDP not being open with the other parties. Both the Tories and Liberals are angry about not getting early notice of bill briefings or consultation with the premier.

McNeil said the government hasn't exercised "any level of co-operation." Interim Tory leader Karen Casey said the NDP "have not offered us the same courtesy we offered them."

This all came to a head yesterday in another heated question period that has become par for the course this fall. Premier Darrell Dexter chalked it up to growing pains and said his government is working on increasing co-operation.

"We've got a lot to deal with here," Dexter said. "I would hope that the focus of the house would be those things."

Wilcox facing minimum two years in prison: Judge

COURT A Canadian soldier who shot and killed his tentmate in Afghanistan in 2007 is facing a prison term of at least two years, a military judge said yesterday.

Cmdr. Peter Lamont, who's hearing the case in Sydney, postponed the sen-

tencing of Cpl. Matthew Wilcox until today, saying he will consider arguments from the defence that the soldier should serve as much of his term as possible in a federal institution instead of the military penitentiary in Edmonton.

Wilcox, a 24-year-old sol-

dier from Glace Bay, was convicted in July of criminal negligence causing death and neglect of duty in the March 6, 2007, shooting of Cpl. Kevin Megeney of Cpl. Wilcox.



Cpl. Matthew Wilcox

While Lamont decided Armed

Forces, which to delay sentencing, he said in an exchange with defence lawyers he was planning a sentence of at least two years in prison and considering dismissing Wilcox from the

prompted several of Wilcox's relatives to weep.

Despite the sentence that faces him, Wilcox's demeanour hasn't changed, defence lawyer Lt.-Col. Troy Sweet said outside court. "He's dealing with it like a trained soldier."

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Truck carrying fish crashes into garage

A road was closed in Annapolis County yesterday after an 18-wheeler loaded with 60,000 pounds of herring went out of control and drove into the garage of a house. The RCMP says no one was in the home when the accident occurred. The driver apparently failed to negotiate a turn at the intersection of Shore and Parkers Mountain roads. The two occupants of the 18-wheeler weren't hurt. Six residences had to be evacuated due to a resulting fuel leak.

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Third youth arrested after playground fire

CRIME Halifax Regional Police have arrested a third youth in relation to the torching of a north-end Halifax playground on Sept. 19.

Police arrested two boys, aged 13 and 15, last Friday for their alleged role in the vandalism of the play set at St. Stephen's Elementary School, and said they were looking for a third youth suspect.

Police said yesterday they found that suspect Saturday and arrested the 14-year-old boy without incident.

Police and Halifax firefighters were called to the school just before 11 p.m. after receiving reports that a section of playground equipment had been set ablaze. Police say the fire was intentionally set.

All three youth have been released and will appear in court at a later date.

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Driver survives flipping truck

Man seriously injured after being ejected from vehicle onto highway, say RCMP

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Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin says a 40-year-old driver is "a lucky man" after suffering only serious injuries when the gravel truck he was driving flipped several times yesterday morning on Highway 102 near the

Glendale exit.

Taplin said the truck was travelling northbound towards the airport between the Glendale and Fall River exits around 10:50 a.m. when police believe it went off the road, then back on it and flipped when the driver tried to correct his swerving.

"He was ejected from the vehicle. We don't believe he

was wearing a seatbelt," Taplin said.

"It was right on the highway and he rolled into the median," he added.

Paul Maynard of Emergency Health Services said the driver was rushed to the QEII Health Sciences Centre in Halifax with serious but non-life-threatening injuries. Maynard said some of the man's injuries could

be internal.

The truck was carrying a load of gravel, which spilled over the highway and resulted in workers with the Department of Transportation coming in to clean up the mess. The portion of the highway where the accident took place was closed to traffic for almost two and a half hours, Taplin said.

Police are continuing to

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investigate what caused the crash.

Men walk the walk in support of women

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Supt. Bill Moore of Halifax Regional Police claims the only time you'll catch him strapping on stilettos is once a year for a fundraiser in support of the YWCA's Turning Point programs.

Unless, of course, it's "around the house vacuuming," he said with a chuckle yesterday, shortly after strolling through Scotia Square in Halifax wearing "a lovely pair of size 15 white high heels."

Moore was one of about 10 police officers, and several other men, who proved to be fearless — and fierce — as they strutted their stuff in front of shoppers and diners who offered raised eyebrows and smiles in return.

"My calves are a little tight, but my feet are okay," he said.

Moore said the pain is, well, more than worth it to take part in the second annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, with cash collected going toward critical serv-

ices for women and children who are at turning points in their lives.

"Unfortunately, police become involved a lot in domestic situations," he said. "So this is a great cause."

NDP MLA Leonard Preyra is a bit of a pro when it comes to putting on pumps, as he participated in the inaugural Halifax event last year.

This time around, he sported "hot-pink, very pointy shoes."

"It really does make you think, not just about the whole symbolism of walking in women's shoes, but the physical discomfort that goes with wearing them."

YWCA Halifax executive director Tanis Crosby said the men who stepped into women's shoes yesterday are "standing up" for services that have a real impact on their communities.

"They are not just talking about it, they're walking the walk."

The amount raised had yet to be tallied yesterday, but Tanis said last year's event grossed \$28,000 for Turning Point programs.



Halifax police officers Nathan Cross, left, and Bill Moore show off their gams as their colleague Aaron Head watches during the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes fundraiser at Scotia Square yesterday. The event supports YWCA Halifax's Turning Point programs.

Police issue warrant for shooting suspect

CRIME Halifax Regional Police have issued an arrest warrant for a 24-year-old Halifax man in relation to a shooting on a Dartmouth street in June.

Police say at 4 p.m. on June 30, police received a report of a young man being kicked out of a grey vehicle by the driver on Lakecrest Road near the intersection of Major Road. The driver then reportedly fired at least one shot at the 16-year-old victim, but missed.

Police say Julian Frederick Chittick, 24, is wanted for attempted murder, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle and a number of weapon-related offences. He may be armed and shouldn't be approached, police say.

Those with information on his whereabouts are asked to call HRP at 490-5020 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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NDP flip-flops on hires

Government votes down transparency changes

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After years of railing against secrecy in hiring top-level civil servants, the NDP overruled a move yesterday to open up the process then wavered on future intentions.

The NDP had complained for years that the public Human Resources Committee only sees the final candidate to head government agencies, boards and commissions. The short list is pared down by cabinet in private.

Opposition parties complained they had no way of knowing if the best candidate was being chosen.

Liberal MLA Michel Samson tabled a motion yesterday to make the short list public, but it was defeated by the NDP majority in the committee. They said only the assembly matters committee has the authority to make a move. That group hasn't sat in over five years.

"They seem to have no intention of changing the system which they criticized for its lack of openness for years and years,"

Samson said.

Samson also noted the government has a majority on all committees and can make any changes it wishes.

When asked what his government's stance was, Premier Darrell Dexter used noncommittal language similar to what former Premier Rodney MacDonald was criticized for.

"We're willing to look at proposals for more openness and transparency," Dexter said. "We think there is a process that needs some reflection on what works."

Volunteering A small world after all



Pete Braun and Pte. Megan Barr lend a hand during Disney Volunteer Day at the Boys and Girls Club of East Dartmouth yesterday. Dozens of people helped landscape around the building.

N.S. population up 0.05%: StatsCan

REPORT Immigration caused the province's population to increase by 0.05 per cent between April and June, a report yesterday by Statistics Canada says.

But that's a drop in the bucket compared to growth out west, with Alberta seeing the fastest demographic growth at 0.59 per cent in the second quarter of 2009. Elsewhere in Atlantic Canada, 0.53 per cent more people moved to Prince Edward Is-

Canada's population

• By July 2009, Statistics Canada estimated the country's population to be 33,739,900 people.

land. New Brunswick's population rose by 0.07 per cent, while Newfoundland and Labrador saw a 0.28 per cent climb, "mostly attributable to a net gain in interprovincial migration."

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Victim in ATV crash identified

Police have identified a 61-year-old man who died in the crash of an all-terrain vehicle in the province. RCMP say Allan Wright of Virginia, Annapolis County, was dead when they arrived on the scene Saturday morning. The body was found near Victory, not far from the Digby-Annapolis county line. **METRO HALIFAX**

Memorial move nixed

Council won't reconsider site of monument to fallen officers

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An impassioned debate inside city hall yesterday ended with the municipality's elected officials voting down Coun. Dawn Sloane's request to reconsider the planned location for a new monument dedicated to fallen peace officers.

The Halifax Downtown representative made a motion "to re-examine the placement of the Fallen Peace Officers Memorial to another location within Grand Parade Park."

Sloane argued previous plans for redesigning the Grande Parade have looked at everything from removing the mast and flagpole to adding water features and an ice rink. "Yet, your worship, it doesn't take into account this memorial."



Coun. Dawn Sloane

City documents say the memorial will be built in the shape of an arch and sit in the middle of the city square as a symbol of "shared history, passage and transition."

But Sloane said placing the monument in the planned location will make it more difficult to hold festivals in the Grand Parade, suggesting it instead be put in a more passive place that

First council for newcomers

• Yesterday's city council meeting was a first for Halifax Regional Municipality's recently hired auditor general Larry Munroe, as well as for

the freshly elected Dartmouth-East representative Darren Fisher, who was sworn in during committee-of-the-whole.

doesn't disturb the ability for people to gather in the area.

But Coun. Mary Wile (Clayton Park West) called yesterday's motion "an insult to our police forces."

"The Grand Parade was not meant to be an entertainment facility," she said. "It is rather a place of respect and dignity. That's the reason why the cenotaph was placed there and that's the reason why the police forces selected this site."

But Deputy Mayor David Hendsbee (Preston-Lawrencetown-Chezzetcook) said he doesn't see a prob-

lem with "restudying the landscape ... and trying to incorporate more public space."

Coun. Barry Dalrymple (Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank), who served as an RCMP officer for more than three decades, said "many of those fallen officers ... would probably be very proud today because what they defend, as in democracy, is working."

Nevertheless, he said the planned location for the memorial, which was pinned down after three years, is a promise that should be kept.

Study of kids' health planned

SCHOOLS Nova Scotia wants to know more about the eating and exercise habits of children and young people in the province.

A study will track 2,200 Grade 3, 7 and 11 students from 60 schools across the province from early October until next June.

Trends will be calculated using similar studies from 2002 and 2006.

Health Promotion and Protection Minister Maureen MacDonald says the study will help determine if

the province is making progress helping young people live healthier lives.

Students involved in the study will wear accelerometers to determine whether they get the recommended 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity per day, at least five days per week.

Grade 7 and 11 students will also track their eating patterns to measure how many are eating according to Canada's Food Guide.

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News in brief

ASSAULT Halifax Regional Police say an altercation between two motorists yesterday resulted in an assault in a parking lot at 575 Main St. around 2 p.m. Police say the incident began in the area of the Lake Echo exit on the No. 107 Highway. They then claim one of the drivers followed the other into the parking lot and assaulted the 25-year-old. Police say a 41-year-old man has been charged with common assault.

ATTACK Police are looking for a couple of suspects after an attack on a 14-year-old boy behind Millwood Elementary School. RCMP say the boy was approached by two males Monday around 8 p.m. on a path at the school in Sackville. Police say the boy was punched and kicked several times until he gave up his iPod. The boy was not seriously injured and did not require medical attention. **METRO HALIFAX**

MMAers set for bail hearing today

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ARRESTS Two men from British Columbia facing charges related to an alleged sexual assault in Halifax over the weekend are scheduled to find out today if they get bail.

Garry Christopher Peak, 32, and James Christopher Hanson, 27, both from Prince George, B.C., are each charged with aggravated sexual assault and forcible confinement.

Peak, who competes under the name Chris Peak, is a mixed martial artist, Metro Halifax has learned, who was in town Saturday to compete in the main event of Extreme Cage Combat 10 against Fairview's Roger Hollett at the Halifax Forum. Peak lost by submission in the opening round.

Hanson is also a mixed martial arts competitor, but wasn't competing in the show.

Const. Paul Palmeter of Halifax Regional Police said the two men met two women at a bar in downtown Halifax before heading to a hotel in nearby Dartmouth.

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Const. Paul Palmeter

said. "She ended up in an argument with the other (older) female."

The officer said the older female allegedly assaulted the younger

woman.

One of the men allegedly prevented the younger woman from leaving, but she eventually escaped and called for help, Palmeter said. The older woman later told police the two men had assaulted her in the hotel room.

The two men were arrested Sunday and appeared in court Monday. They were remanded at the Burnside jail until this morning's bail hearing at Halifax provincial court.

Hanson is also charged with assault causing bodily harm and the forcible confinement of the younger woman.

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Con man nabbed at border

U.S. authorities say a con man who has made a living stealing from wealthy hotel guests around the world has been arrested in Vermont. Federal authorities say Juan Carlos Guzman-Betancourt was nabbed Sept. 21 at a gas station near the U.S.-Canadian border in Derby Line. They say that he told a U.S. Border Patrol agent his car broke down in Quebec and that he unknowingly walked across the border into Vermont.

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News in brief

FLU The death of a Canadian school principal in Hong Kong has prompted the facility to issue reassurances that those attending classes at the school face no risk of an H1N1 outbreak. Alan Dick, 55, the Toronto-educated Lower School principal at the Canadian International School of Hong Kong, died in hospital Monday evening after falling ill Sept. 20.

SENTENCE A Canadian soldier who shot and killed his tentmate in Afghanistan in 2007 is facing a jail term of at least two years, a military judge said. Cmdr. Peter Lamont, who's hearing the case, postponed the sentencing against Cpl. Matthew Wilcox.

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RECOVERY Police divers will plunge into the Saint Lawrence River east of Montreal yesterday to recover the remains of two people killed in a plane crash nearly 16 years ago, CBC News Online reports.

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New Brunswick Grisly testimony



Rodney Miller is led from court in St. Andrew, N.B., yesterday. A New Brunswick court has been told that Miller, accused of killing a newborn in January, admitted to police he stabbed the boy through the heart and disposed of the body.

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Tories eye chances in Liberal misfortune

Harper must be cautious about election: Pollster

This week's images of Prime Minister Stephen Harper riding the prow of a locomotive in Saint John, N.B., flanked by two gainfully employed rail workers, said it all about his government's current fortunes.

The Conservatives are rolling right along with their political agenda and message of economic recovery.

The opposition Liberals seem to have gone off the rails, at least for now.

The situation is tantalizing to some Conservatives, who as one party source put it are "always looking for opportunities" to elegantly orchestrate the de-

mise of the Liberals.

Pollster Doug Anderson says his research shows that's a dangerous game.

"The greatest significance you could project from this is, if you're going to be the party that causes an election — or if you really want one to happen — you don't want to suffer the blame," said Anderson, vice-president at Harris-Decima.

"So if the government wants one to happen, they have to be very delicate in how they make it happen." Former Harper adviser Tom Flanagan, author of the book Harper's Team: Behind the Scenes in the Conservative Rise to Power

agrees that triggering an election would most likely backfire on the Conservatives.

"Good government is good politics," Flanagan argues.

At least for now, Conservative tacticians are of the same view: keeping their powder dry is the best strategy. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Feds seek gag in prisoner inquiry

SECURITY Federal lawyers are trying to block government witnesses from testifying before a military watchdog investigating the treatment of Taliban prisoners in Afghanistan, The Canadian Press has learned.

The Justice Department has invoked national security and told the Military Police Complaints Commission, which is conduct-

ing the public interest inquiry, that subpoenaed witnesses will say nothing when hearings begin next month. It is the latest attempt by the Conservative government to shut down the investigation into claims by human rights groups that the Canadian army knowingly handed over insurgents to torture in Afghan prisons.

In a judgment released

last week, the Federal Court gave the Justice Department a partial victory by limiting the scope of the inquiry to the actions of military police officers in Kandahar. Sources close to the case say federal lawyers have cited a section of the Canada Evidence Act which allows the government to keep information secret.

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Ontario files suit against Big Tobacco

COURTS Ontario filed a \$50-billion lawsuit yesterday against a group of tobacco companies over the health-care costs tied to smoking.

The suit, which had been planned under legislation introduced in March, claims damages for past and ongoing health-care costs.

The province claims tobacco-related costs currently total more than \$1.6 billion per year in Ontario and that smoking accounts for the deaths of

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about 13,000 Ontario residents annually.

When he introduced the legislation in March, Attorney General Chris Bentley said that taxpayers shouldn't have to pay for health-care costs if they are caused by the al-

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World

Guinea protesters raped, killed in streets

Guinea's government said yesterday it would investigate why troops opened fire on protesters at a pro-democracy rally. A human rights group said 157 people were killed and more than 1,200 were injured.

While saying it would investigate, the government continued to maintain that the protest was illegal. It also said far fewer people died than reported. Hospitals were flooded with patients yesterday, and the death toll rose through the day.

Presidential guard troops fired on 50,000 people at the main football stadium Monday, shattering hopes that this West African country was shedding the yoke of dictatorship.

Some of those at the rally, upset that a military officer

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who seized power in a December coup might run for president in January elections, had chanted: "We want true democracy."

Capt. Moussa (Dadis) Camara's presidential guard opened fire, scattering panicked demonstrators, who left behind scores of dead. Opposition politician Mutarr Diallo said he witnessed soldiers raping women with rifle butts. The African Union, the European Union and the

government of neighbouring Senegal denounced Monday's bloodshed. The AU already had suspended Guinea's membership after Camara seized power.

Eyewitnesses told New York-based Human Rights Watch that security forces stripped female protesters and raped them in the streets. The rights group, citing eyewitness reports, said soldiers also stabbed protesters Monday with knives and bayonets.

Hardly anyone had heard of Camara, an army captain in his 40s, until his men broke down the glass doors of the state TV station Dec. 23. He announced that the constitution had been dissolved and that the country was under the rule of a military junta. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Deadly tsunami slams into Samoa

EARTHQUAKE Towering tsunami waves spawned by a powerful earthquake swept ashore on Samoa and American Samoa yesterday, flattening villages, killing at least 39 people and leaving dozens of workers missing at devastated National Park Service facilities.

Hampered by power and communications outages, officials struggled to assess the casualties and damage. The quake, with a magnitude between 8.0 and 8.3, struck around dawn about 32 kilometres below to ocean floor.

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Kashmir Heated protests



Kashmiris shout slogans against the government during a protest in Srinagar, India, yesterday. Police in Indian Kashmir fired tear gas shells and used coloured water cannons to disperse protesters demanding release of their salaries withheld for many months in the region, officials said.

Ketsana continues deadly path in Vietnam

ASIA Typhoon Ketsana roared into central Vietnam yesterday, killing at least 23 people as it brought flooding and winds of up to 144 kilometres per hour, disaster officials said. Some 170,000 were evacuated from its path.

Ketsana left more than 200 dead in the northern Philippines as a weaker tropical storm. After gathering

UNICEF responds

• UNICEF has provided \$143,000 US in supplies to address the urgent needs of affected children and their families in the wake of Typhoon Ketsana.

strength over the South China Sea, the typhoon made landfall in midafternoon.

Two people in Quang Nam province were killed by falling trees, and another died when struck by a power line, said Nguyen Minh Tuan, a provincial disaster official.

"The rivers are rising and many homes are flooded, and several mountainous districts have been isolated by mudslides," Tuan said.

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News in brief

NUCLEAR Iran's nuclear chief said yesterday his country built its newly revealed uranium enrichment facility inside

a mountain next to a military site to ensure continuity of its nuclear activities in case of an attack — an unusually

detailed disclosure that may be intended to defuse international pressure.

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Time for Polanski to face the music

TheWestView

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Roman Polanski, director of Oscar-winning movies such as Chinatown and most recently The Pianist, has led the creepiest life.

He escaped the Holocaust, but not before serv-

ing as target practice for a squad of Nazis. Then he became a celebrated movie director, marrying beautiful starlet Sharon Tate. Then came the notorious Manson family attack in which pregnant Sharon was brutally and senselessly murdered. Obviously stricken by grief, Polanski had illegal sex with a 13-year-old girl, was arrested, fled the U.S., and spent the next 30 years on the lam. Finally, this week, lured into a sense of false security, he was captured after landing in Zurich to receive a lifetime filmmaking

achievement award.

Someone should make a movie about this man's life.

We could call it Repulsion II. I'm still suffering nightmares from Repulsion I, which I saw at an impressionable age. Catherine Deneuve plays a woman whose fear of men leads to a psychotic breakdown and she slides over the edge into brutal murder. We are left to wonder what traumatic episode in her early life led her to fear men so.

Cut to the mid-'70s when Polanski himself, already a dirty old 43, plied 13-year-

old Samantha Gailey with Quaaludes ('70s designer downers) and champagne and had sex with her, no doubt contributing to her fear of men.

Overnight, Polanski went from being the toast of Hollywood to toast. Rather than spend the rest of his weird life in jail, he repaired to France, where he remains a hero, along with Jerry Lewis and Mickey Rourke. Ah, the French.

But he wasn't counting on his Javert, Los Angeles District Attorney Steve Cooley, who waited in the

woods to bag his prey. Now it's an international incident.

The argument is the '70s were a different time. The sexual revolution led to any number of wretched excesses and the victim, now in her 40s, has forgiven Polanski and is part of the movement to have him freed.

But here's what I don't understand. In this day and age when it's considered a heinous crime for dirty old men even to look at pictures of underage girls, why should we give Polanski a get-out-of-jail-free card?

What kind of message are we sending? That if you're talented and celebrated, there's such a thing as justifiable evil?

Haven't we learned anything in 32 years? Raping and exploiting children are crimes. It doesn't matter who you are. It's time for this to stop and it's time for Polanski to face the music, and I don't mean piano lessons. They should get that, even in France.

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Word on the street: Who do you think will win the Stanley Cup this season?

Campbell Courteau

age 19, Halifax

A: Toronto Maple Leafs — they've got a bunch of new young talent. And ... I really don't think they're going to win. I can't lie to you. Probably the Red Wings or the Penguins again. The Red Wings are a good team and always have been.

Jessie Smith

age 18, Halifax

A: Toronto Maple Leafs — 100 per cent. I'm from Toronto. No one thinks they're going to win so I like to give them support. Every year I think it's going to be them. One of these days they'll pick it up.

Murray Nixon

age 74, Halifax

A: Pittsburgh. Because of Sidney Crosby. They have the best team in the league. Good coaching, a lot of good players.

Melissa Robinson

age 23, Ottawa

A: I don't know who's going to win, but I want Calgary to win. They're my favourite team.

Yannick DeSylva

age 34, New Brunswick

A: The Habs. They should have won it last year because it was their 100th anniversary. But they're going to win it this year.

Anu Powar

age 21, Abbotsford, B.C.

A: I would be too bold to say the (Vancouver) Canucks even though they are (almost) undefeated in the pre-season. So I am going to say the Detroit Red Wings.



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FDA delays ruling on cancer vaccine

British drugmaker GlaxoSmithKline says the Food and Drug Administration has delayed making a decision on its vaccine for cervical cancer. The FDA was scheduled to announce its ruling yesterday on whether to approve Cervarix, but a company spokeswoman says the review will continue. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Banking latest smartphone use

The growing popularity of smartphones is expected to push up the use of mobile banking, allowing consumers to check balances, transfer money and pay bills.

In Canada, mobile banking is attracting small numbers of consumers who are essentially replicating their online banking habits.

Banks including RBC and Scotiabank offer the service and both say smartphones are key to its adoption.

While the Bank of Montreal says demand for mobile banking is still in its infancy and doesn't offer it, it's watching it with interest.

"We're seeing interest in this area growing now as smartphones become the norm."

Mike Henry, Scotiabank

IDC Canada analyst Kevin Restivo said a lot of Canadians still don't have access to the web on their mobile phones and that's holding them back from trying the service.

"In the short term, it's very new to Canadians," said Restivo, who follows mobile devices and their applications.

Smartphones allow consumers to surf the Internet, access email, watch video, listen to music, play games

and run applications such as stock trading platforms and airline boarding information.

In the next three to five years, mobile banking should become more popular as more consumers get smartphones and wireless network speeds increase making the experience easier, Restivo said.

Scotiabank's Mike Henry said its mobile banking service has had a high adoption rate, but noted that un-

til recently cellphones didn't have the speed or quality of browser to provide a great user experience for consumers.

"We're seeing interest in this area growing now as smartphones become the norm," said Henry, senior vice-president of sales and service. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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StatsCan says tourism spending continues slide

Tourism spending in Canada fell 0.8 per cent in the second quarter, its fourth straight decline.

Statistics Canada says two factors figured in the slip — the cancellation of Canadian flights to Mexico after the outbreak of the H1N1 influenza virus and the implementation June 1 of more stringent document requirements at the U.S. border.

The agency reports spending by international visitors to Canada fell 1.6

per cent in the second quarter, the sixth straight quarterly decrease and the 15th decline in 18 quarters.

Canadians' spending on tourism in Canada fell 0.6 per cent in real terms in the second quarter after more modest declines in the previous three quarters.

Tourism's gross domestic product contracted 1.1 per cent in the second quarter, its fourth straight quarterly decrease. Tourism employment fell 0.9 per cent.

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Consumer confidence up: Board

ECONOMY The Conference Board says consumer confidence in Canada is on the rise, increasing for the seventh straight month in September.

The monthly survey finds confidence rising in many of the key indicators, including sentiments among Canadians about their finances, job prospects and about their ability to make big purchases.

The index rose 2.5 points

to 90.9 out of 100, the seventh consecutive monthly bump, something that has not happened since 2002.

As well, the percentage of consumers who said it was a good time to make a major purchase rose to the highest level in almost two years — 49.9 per cent.

The majority, 53.9 per cent, say they expect no change in their financial circumstances in the next six months.

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Winemaking Gritty spaces the new Napa



Winemaker Shauna Rosenblum sits atop barrels and samples a glass of Rock Star Blanc at Rock Wall Wine Company in Alameda, Calif. The winery is located in a hangar that was once used to paint fighter jets at the former Alameda Naval Air Station. The painting at left depicting women winemakers dates from the Second World War and was found at the naval station. Cash and convenience is leading a number of wineries to head to grittier spaces, setting up shop in business parks, warehouses and even an old submarine repair facility.

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COMPETITION Industry Minister Tony Clement says automakers have agreed to allow independent garages to access the key software needed to repair newer-model cars. Clement says the voluntary agreement over what is called the right to repair, will make for more competition and lower bills for consumers.

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The Dalhousie Tigers are ranked fourth in the latest Canadian Interuniversity Sport men's soccer ranking. The defending Atlantic champs are 3-0-1. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Saulnier named Atlantic captain

Jillian Saulnier, left, will captain Team Atlantic at the Canadian under-18 girls hockey championship in Surrey, B.C., running from Nov. 4 to 8. The forward from Halifax was one of nine Nova Scotians named to the 20-player roster on Monday.

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Sydney front-runner for Final 6

BASKETBALL A decision is looming on who will host the Atlantic University Sport Final 6 men's basketball tournament.

The tournament, hosted in Halifax for several decades, needs a new home from March 12 to 14 because of a scheduling conflict at the Metro Centre with the Tim Hortons Brier.

Centre 200 in Sydney is the front-runner, Metro Halifax has learned, while the Aitken Centre in Fredericton, N.B., and Moncton Coliseum are other options.

AUS executive director Phil Currie would only say an official announcement will be made next Thursday. "Those three venues are the ones that popped up," Currie said. "We're picking a venue that makes sense and has similar amenities to Halifax so we can offer a similar experience."

One factor Centre 200 would need to address before hosting the event is its lack of a basketball floor.

The AUS season starts on Nov. 6.

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Glavic finding his old form

Ex-Hec Crighton winner off to a solid start with Dinos

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Erik Glavic might not be back to his Hec Crighton form, but he's getting the job done for the Calgary Dinos.

The former Saint Mary's Huskies star has quarterbacked the Calgary Dinos to a 3-1 record — third in the Canadian Interuniversity Sport football rankings — in his comeback from a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

Glavic, who blew out his knee in November 2007 and red-shirted last season because he hadn't fully healed from off-season surgery, transferred to Calgary this past January.

"He still has a little rust on him, but you see his confidence improve each week and his accuracy and his ability to read," said Dinos head coach Blake Nill, a former Huskies bench boss. "I think it's all coming back to him."

Glavic won the Hec Crighton as the country's player of the year in 2007, throwing for 1,843 yards and 16 touchdowns while rushing for another 478



Former Huskies quarterback Erik Glavic has thrown for 979 yards and six touchdowns, while rushing for 221 yards and four scores through four games for the University of Calgary Dinos.

yards and five majors.

So far this season, Glavic is 60-of-94 for 979 yards and six touchdowns, while gaining 221 yards and four more majors on the ground — all while wear-

ing a knee brace.

"He had a pretty tough off-season in terms of rehab but you're seeing the results of his hard work," Nill said. "The knee's still a concern at times but he's

Huskies up to 9

• The Saint Mary's Huskies checked in at ninth in the Canadian Interuniversity Sport football ranking, released yesterday. The Huskies have a 2-1 record, second in Atlantic University Sport. The conference-leading St. Francis Xavier X-Men (3-0) are sixth, while the Laval Rouge et Or (4-0) are No. 1.

had a lot of success."

The Dinos were a strong team before Glavic. They lost to the eventual Vanier Cup champion Laval Rouge et Or in last year's national semifinal and have a large returning group.

Known for his ability to run the ball, the 6-foot-4 Glavic has made the biggest difference through the air, Nill said.

"He's given us a two-dimensional attack," Nill said. "We've always had a strong run game and teams have been able to defend that by overemphasizing run defence. Now, they're not able to. That extra dimension has helped us a lot."



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Mooseheads giving tryout to 18-year-old free agent forward

QMIHL The Halifax Mooseheads are taking a look at 18-year-old free agent forward Lester Brown at practice.

Brown, an Amsterdam native who played minor hockey in Toronto, has

been skating with the Mooseheads this week as the coaches decide whether to keep him. Adding him to the roster would mean cutting another player.

"He's got good speed, he skates well," said Moose-

heads head coach and general manager Cam Russell. "We'll take a look at him and decide if we want to take a chance on him."

The 6-foot-2 forward spent last season with the Boston Shamrocks of the

Eastern Junior Hockey League, recording a goal and three assists in 15 games. He had 37 points in 42 games two seasons ago in the Empire Junior Hockey League.

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Safin beats Petzschner

Marat Safin of Russia defeated fifth-seeded Philipp Petzschner of Germany 6-2, 3-6, 6-1 yesterday in the opening round of the Thailand Open. Safin avenged a loss to Petzschner in the opening round last year. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Turkoglu resting after busy summer

Long playoff run, playing for Turkey leaves new Raptor feeling tired

Hedo Turkoglu even sounded tired.

One of the biggest pieces to the Raptors' roster puzzle this season sat quietly at courtside yesterday, his shoulders hunched over in a bulky black sweatshirt.

"I don't want to be like this, but in the end it will be the best for the Raptors."

Hedo Turkoglu

early part of training camp after a long run through the playoffs last season with Orlando and then a busy summer spent playing for Turkey.

And by all appearances, he needs it.

"It was very busy," Turkoglu said, his voice lacking any semblance of energy. "Right now I'm just trying to manage myself and try to look for the long picture and try to be more fresh and more healthy for the long coming season. I don't want to be like this, but in the end it will be the best for the Raptors."

The Raptors acquired the 30-year-old Turkoglu from Orlando in July, a deal that not only gave Toronto some financial room to

move but also a veteran player known for his versatile game.

"He's such a basketball-savvy player, he's been effective at so many different levels, but the thing that's

so notable with him is he makes others on the floor with him better," said Raptors GM Bryan Colangelo. "He's

got play-making skills but he's 6-10, he can handle the ball, he can play two, three, four (shooting guard, small forward, power forward)."

Turkoglu is coming off a career season that saw him lead Orlando to the NBA finals against the Los Angeles Lakers. He averaged 16.8 points, 5.3 rebounds and 4.9 assists and started in 77 regular-season games.

He shone in the post-season, scoring a career play-off-high 29 points against Cleveland.

He followed up the NBA season by playing for Turkey in the recent European championships.

Now, he could just use some rest.

"There's no point beating



Toronto Raptor Chris Bosh makes his way back to the court following a break yesterday during the team's first day of training camp in Ottawa.

him down in October here, after the summer that he had and the last four

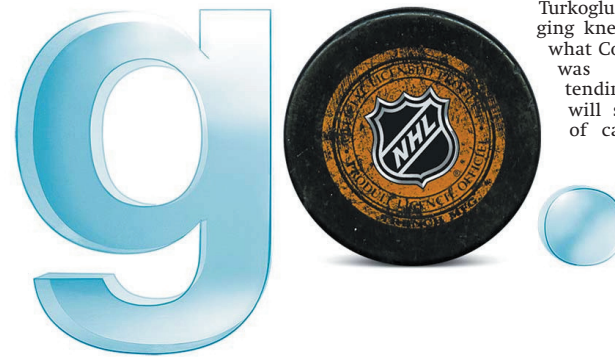
months that he's played, all the way back to June, pretty intense basketball," said Rap-

tors coach Jay Triano.

"We're just going to ease him back in and make sure we don't wear him down."

Turkoglu also has nagging knee pain from what Colangelo said was quadriceps tendinitis, and so will spend much of camp in the physiotherapy room.

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AL Central race heats up

BASEBALL The AL Central race got even wilder.

Orlando Cabrera hit a go-ahead single in the 10th inning after a pair of wild pitches and the Minnesota Twins closed within one game of first-place Detroit, beating the Tigers 3-2 yesterday in the opener of a day-night doubleheader.

The Tigers won the second game 6-5, to move two ahead of the Twins, who trailed Detroit by seven games only two weeks ago.

Minnesota clinched the season series 10-6 against Detroit, meaning a division tiebreaker would be at the Metrodome. Because Brett Favre and the Vikings host Green Bay Monday night at the stadium, a baseball playoff would likely be pushed back until Tuesday.

A rainout Monday night delayed the start of this four-game series and forced a doubleheader. Each team has six games left.

It was tight throughout the opening game at Com-



Detroit Tiger Gerald Laird is hit by a pitch by Minnesota Twins pitcher Nick Blackburn yesterday in Detroit.

erica Park yesterday. Scraping for a run, the teams combined for five sacrifice bunts and used three pinch-runners.

The Twins missed a

chance to take the lead in the ninth when Nick Punto popped up a suicide-squeeze bunt, resulting in a double play.

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Anticipation high for game between Packers, Vikings

NFL For the Minnesota Vikings, a Monday night matchup against the Green Bay Packers is about as big as a regular-season game gets.

"All you've got to do around here is say Packer week and everybody gets excited," cornerback Antoine Winfield said.

When they're playing for first place in the NFC North at the quarter mark on the schedule, well, the intensity will only increase.

When Brett Favre happens to be the Vikings' new quarterback, the public interest in this rivalry is on the verge of explosion.

"I have no idea what you're talking about. It's just a regular game to me," linebacker Ben Leber said.

He kept his straight face

for, oh, a few seconds.

"This is probably the most anticipated game I think, for a regular-season game, that I've ever been a part of," Leber said.

Winfield claimed he heard ABC was considering postponing the popular Dancing With The Stars show this Monday to avoid losing too many viewers to partner network ESPN.

"Everyone will be watching the Monday night game," Winfield said.

This is NFL-style hype at its highest form.

"It will be ridiculous. I love it," guard Anthony Herrera said, adding: "It's personal for Brett. It's personal for us. They're going to come after him."

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Sports in brief

FOOTBALL A college football bowl game will be played at Yankee Stadium starting in 2010. The New York Yankees have scheduled a news conference today to announce the details. The game is expected to match teams from the Big East

and Big 12 conferences.

SOCCER A Kuwaiti soccer team will play in Iraq today in the first sports competition between the countries since Saddam Hussein invaded his southern neighbour in 1990.

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With Shaq gone, Suns look to speed

NBA With the failed Shaquille O'Neal experiment in their rear-view mirror, the Phoenix Suns plan to put the pedal to the metal and hope for the best.

The Suns begin training camp with "a clear vision of how we're going to play," according to Canadian point guard Steve Nash.

That would be fast and furious, just like in the days when Mike D'Antoni was coach.

"This year I think it's going to be much clearer as to who we are and how we're going to play,"

Nash, a Victoria native said Monday. "And that's going to allow us to build a chemistry and believe in one another."

Phoenix failed to make the playoffs for the first time last season since 2004 in a tumultuous season that saw new coach Terry Porter fired at the all-star break and replaced with assistant Alvin Gentry, who is returning the team to D'Antoni's high-flying style.

There also was the trade of Boris Diaw and Raja Bell to Charlotte for Jason Richardson and Jared Dudley, and the serious eye injury that required surgery and sidelined Amare Stoudemire for the final 29 games of the season.

Considering all that happened, Nash said, "It's not that remarkable that we didn't make the playoffs."

O'Neal and his hefty salary were traded to Cleveland, leaving newcomer Channing Frye and Robin Lopez to hold down the centre position.

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Crosby expects to play Friday

NHL Pittsburgh Penguins captain Sidney Crosby has practised for the first time since injuring his groin during a pre-season game Thursday in Columbus.

Crosby took part in the Penguins' practice yesterday and expects to play in the season opener Friday against the New York Rangers. The Penguins will raise their Stanley Cup championship banner at Mellon Arena that night.

Crosby skated Saturday and Sunday, but did not play in the Penguins' final exhibition game Sunday in Detroit. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Steve Nash

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Honda has announced the redesigned 2010 CR-V, which is now on sale at a starting price of \$27,790, unchanged from 2009 pricing. The CR-V's 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine now puts out 180 horsepower but with improved fuel economy ratings. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

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XC60 a sweet little machine

Volvo crossover perfect blend of style and safety

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada



An all-new model for 2010, the Volvo XC60 is just about everything you could want in a crossover-style vehicle: Comfort, performance, relative practicality and gorgeous styling in a tight little package.

Currently, the XC60 comes strictly with a turbocharged 3.0-litre inline six-cylinder "T6" engine, producing 281 horsepower, and with all-wheel drive, starting at \$45,495.

That will eventually change, though; Volvo will add a 235-horsepower, non-turbo six-cylinder that will drive in front-wheel-drive for \$39,995, or in all-wheel, with several other upgrades, for \$44,495.

The T6 model will then increase to \$49,995, but will also have several other top-of-the-line features added to it. As with all Volvo models, options can very quickly push those prices considerably higher.

The XC60 is based on a shortened version of the platform used in the S80 sedan, which also makes it a cousin to the Volvo V70 and XC70.

The turbocharged engine

2010 Volvo XC60

Type: CUV
Price: from \$45,495.
Engine: Turbocharged 3.0-litre inline six-cylinder "T6" engine
HP: 281

Highlights

- Comfortable and stylish
- City Safety — collision prevention technology

is smooth and powerful, but it is thirsty, returning only 12.4 L/100 km (23 mpg) in everyday driving for me.

By published figures, the BMW X3, Acura RDX, Mercedes-Benz GLK and Volkswagen Tiguan all do better. The upcoming non-turbo model should improve on that; in the meantime, the T6's appetite is partially offset by its only needing 87-octane fuel.

Volvo chose the XC60 to debut its new City Safety, which is offered as standard equipment. The company says that 75 per cent of all collisions occur at speeds below 30 km/h, mostly caused by drivers not paying attention in parking lots or stop-and-go traffic.

City Safety, which can



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be shut off if not wanted, uses a laser to measure the dis-



tance to the vehicle in front. Active at speeds of between 4 and 30 km/h, the system first pre-charges the brakes, reduces the throttle, and illuminates the brake lights.

If the driver is still oblivious, the system jams on the brakes and brings the car to a stop — quite late in the travel, and with jarring force that'll "learn ya" for next time. Be aware, though, that the system can only detect wide objects such as other vehicles; it's still up to you to avoid knocking over pedestri-

ans. The XC60 is gorgeous inside, with heated leather seats, soft-touch plastics, wood trim, metallic accents, and an optional cargo system that lifts up and



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contains hooks to hold grocery bags, or pulls up to reveal divided cubbies.

Both the rear seats and the front passenger seat fold for extra cargo capacity. Gorgeous, fun-to-drive and all-day comfortable, this is one sweet little machine.

Ford F-150 a well-loved pickup

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada



MODEL: 2004 to 2008 Ford F-150

VEHICLE TYPE: Pickup

APPROXIMATE PRICE RANGE: \$10,000 to \$30,000

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION: In 2004, Ford began selling what it called the most advanced pickup on the road. This generation F-150 got an all-new body and frame, as well as many new technologies and features. Shoppers and the media took to it right away, and the eleventh-generation F-

150 went on to become a celebrated sales success.

Up to 300 horsepower was on tap, thanks to an available 5.4 litre V8 engine. A smaller 4.6 litre V8 developed up to 248 ponies, and a 4.2 litre V6 started the powertrain range with 231.

This entry engine could be mated to a five-speed manual — but the four-speed automatic will be the most common transmission.

If you're looking for a used pickup, chances are there's an F-150 that's just right for you. Special models like the King Ranch and

Harley Davidson editions added extra flare, luxury and exclusivity — and shoppers can look for a multitude of cab and bed configurations to suit their lifestyle.

WHAT OWNERS

LIKE: Owners typically love the feeling of safe, confident sturdiness built into their trucks. Most appreciate the ride quality, steering and handling, too. Large payload and towing capacities were a hit with those who worked their trucks, while the premium cabin amenities were

praised by folks using the F-150 for family duty.

WHAT OWNERS

HATE: As it tends to go in the pickup truck world, most drivers wish for better fuel mileage. In the case of the F-150, meager performance was another common complaint — even with the larger V8 engine on board.

COMMON ISSUES: Earlier F-150 models in this generation were known for faulty window regulators. Be sure all windows operate quick-

Second Gear



Ford F-150

ly and smoothly without questionable sounds. A broken window regulator will cause the glass to slide down into the door, resulting in numerous headaches and an expensive repair bill. Check the condition of the braking system, as many owners report "premature" wear of pads and rotors.

A look underneath for leaks, dents or excessive rust is advised too. If crawling around beneath a vehicle isn't your forte, have the vehicle checked over by a mechanic to be safe.

THE VERDICT: A mechanical inspection is advisable on any used pickup.

Certified factor

More peace of mind for shoppers

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada



One option when choosing a used vehicle is whether or not to consider a car from a manufacturer's certified used vehicle program.

The pros and cons are fairly straightforward: generally, a manufacturer will do multi-point inspections, offer additional warranties beyond the original, bring the vehicle up to near-new condition and more.

Some offer 24-hour roadside assistance, and others allow you to exchange within 30 days if you're unhappy with your purchase. However, the prices are usually higher than those you might find at a traditional used-car dealer or through private sale.

"Basically the car is like new, only three years old and half the price," said Crystal Tost, a real-estate agent from Calgary. "I bought a 2006 BMW 530xi a year ago from Calgary BMW. I bought it because the car was reconditioned like new, such as tires, brakes, etc."

Tost added that the dealer repainted the car's hood to fix some stone chips, and filled holes in the bumper where an out-of-province front plate had been mounted. "The car as a whole has to live up to certain standards that you just don't find on the resale market by a private owner."

Tost said the car's price was similar to other non-certified models. "Maybe a bit more, but worth it in the end. My car retailed at over \$90,000 and I bought it for \$44,000 with only 29,000 km. I would buy another one in a heartbeat!"

Some buyers prefer the ease of buying a certified used vehicle because it

takes a good chunk of the effort and research out of the mix.

"The Toyota Certified Used Vehicle program raises the bar on what customers expect from a pre-owned vehicle," said Warren Orton, director of Toyota Canada Inc. "Our 127 point inspection requires a minimum of 50 per cent brake pad depth and original tire tread; that's important peace of mind for our customers."

Jack Sulymka, general manager of Brennan's Dixie Chrysler in Brampton, Ont., thinks the programs help the dealership provide better vehicles to potential clients.

"The key is the factory trained inspection process and reconditioning requirements," he explained. "The service contracts that are available to the customer from Chrysler are clear ... there is no grey area."

Consumers should do their homework about certified used vehicles. First, a manufacturer will only certify its own models, so you won't see a certified Audi at a Hyundai dealer. Second, buyers still have to request things like previous owner and crash histories, but they can have a little faith that any repairs made were done to manufacturers' standards. Third, you can still negotiate on price, like any other used vehicle, and shouldn't be afraid of doing so.

However, just because a vehicle isn't certified doesn't mean you should avoid them. There are many excellent vehicles that don't fall within a manufacturer's set standards for certification, which can mean a good bargain.

Most people prefer to take the lower price of a non-certified model and get it inspected independently before making their decision to purchase. There are

plenty of specialist auto dealers and service shops that can provide equal or better service without the added expense.

Ultimately, it's up to you to determine which avenue to pursue depending on your budget and confidence in spotting a potential lemon.



Be it a certified pre-owned car backed by an automaker or one from a private dealership, it's important to do your research when shopping for an used vehicle.

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Expert tips for buying used

Here are five tips for purchasing a used car courtesy of Bob Beattie, executive director of the Used Car Dealer Association of Ontario.

- Do your research, and have a general idea of what you are looking for and a price range you're comfortable with.
- For young people, check that you can be insured for that vehicle. A 16-year-old new driver will have a hard time getting a policy on a 2003 Chevrolet Corvette.
- Ask for previous owner his-

tory and accident reports.

- Read the contract carefully and fully understand how the final price was determined. If there's anything you're not happy with, walk away. There are plenty of fish in the sea, and plenty of good used vehicles out there.
- Sign the contract only if you are absolutely sure you want the vehicle. Depending on the province, there is no cooling off period where you can return the vehicle after a limited amount of time or if you find something wrong with it.

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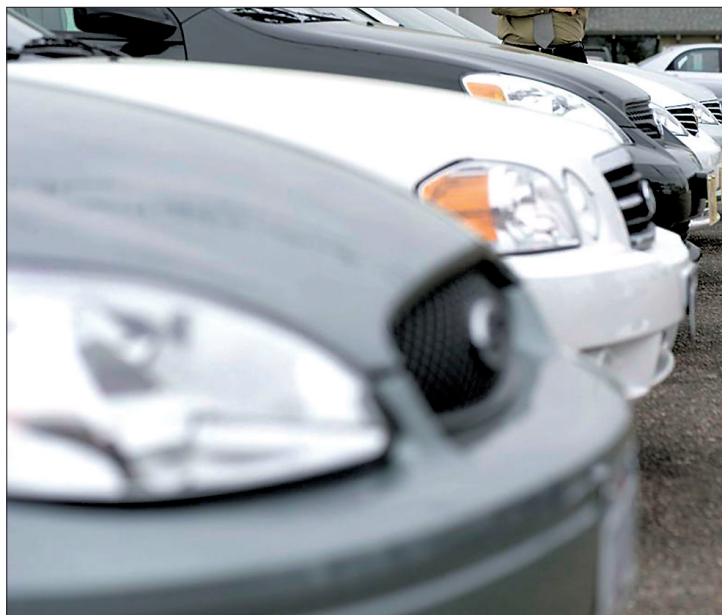
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Used Cars



Overall increase in dependability makes for more worry-free used-car purchases, Michael Goetz says.

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Longer-lasting cars propel used market

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"With higher quality products, consumers are no longer buying someone else's problems."

Auto industry analyst
Dennis DesRosiers

I've always known them as "used" cars. But some outfits have been calling them "pre-owned" or even "previously enjoyed."

I don't think the terms are synonymous. Just this morning, I heard a family member say, "Who just pre-owned all the toothpaste?"

It didn't sound right, and no, it wasn't me.

Obviously such re-branding is an attempt to deflect some of the negative connotations that have traditionally surrounded the used car, and the used car world.

And who hasn't heard a used-car horror story or two? Or even been the central protagonist on occasion?

The horror has, and can, arise from the car itself and/or from the deal. The used car world has always been attractive to unsavoury characters. Even when used car lots were beyond reproach, they never seemed to put you at ease.

Too many flags maybe, or blow-up gorillas, or questionable calendar choices in those trailers they used as offices.

At any rate, that is so be-

hind us now. If fact, in a recent report, the Canadian auto industry analyst, Dennis DesRosiers, notes that a new paradigm is forming in the used vehicle market:

"With higher quality products, consumers are no longer buying someone else's problems. Used vehicles are an important and growing part of the overall market for light vehicles, with both new vehicle dealers and independent sellers approaching this sector with greater sophistication than ever before."

He also adds that as governments continue to throw on more and more regulations and effectively shape what the automakers can produce, consumers may only find the vehicles they truly desire, on the used car side.

The sophistication he referred to includes nice, big used car dealerships and/or departments, and their increasing ability to offer financing from the major banks, as well as third-party warranties.

He says used-vehicle quality can be measured simply by how many clicks these modern-era vehicles

can pile on before they head to the afterlife.

"In the 1970s the useful life of a vehicle averaged in the range of 170,000 kms... This decade (2000-2009) has witnessed the expected useful life of a vehicle increase to 277,000 kms... As we enter the 2010s, our lifetime mileage forecasts pegs average Canadian vehicles with a service life of roughly 320,000 kms."

Canada went metric at the start of 1970s, about a decade before we started to see those big gains in vehicle quality and longevity. In those decades, when we were still mpg and mph, the line of death for a vehicle was definitely 100,000 miles.

Once over that line, the value of the vehicle would fall off a cliff, and potential buyers would tend to be restricted to a thin and suspect lot, comprised of those with strong stomachs or severe financial constraints or fetishes for that particular model.

Today, the voodoo death line seems to be at 200,000 kms. Its obvious why that line scares people — it's a nice round number with lots of zeros.

But considering what's happening, to vehicle longevity and the acceptance of the used or "pre-owned" car in our society, that voodoo line is definitely going northward, and soon.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-Type.

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5 Depreciation wonders

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If you're in the market for a used vehicle, chances are it's because you either don't like the new vehicles you can afford, or you're smart and are shopping for a deal. Depreciation is a double-edged sword. We hate it when the vehicle we own loses money with age, but we love it when we pick up a bargain after someone else 'pays' for the loss.

With that in mind, we thought we'd shine the light on the 'Depreciation Wonders', the vehicles you would never consider new, whether it's because

of the original sky-high price or because another vehicle is a better value — but can't ignore after a little time passes. We spoke with Josh Bailey, senior manager, client services for Canadian Black Book, the country's only real guide to used-vehicle values, and asked him to provide information on the vehicles that lost the most money over a two-year period.

"I would like to provide the retained value for these vehicles, but it would create unrealistic expectations for buyers because of the way the numbers are calculated," Bailey ex-



The Cadillac STS, above, and the Saab 9-7X, below are two vehicles that were too pricey when they were new but have taken a hit in price, not quality, ever since.

plained. "A better comparison is the MSRP to our average retail price — both values are included here. It should be noted that these current retail values do not account for equipment or mileage so should be considered a guide only."

We've chosen the five, in alphabetical order, that we feel give you the best bang for

your buck:

CADILLAC STS

Starting from a sky-high \$76,332, a nicely equipped V6-powered 2007 STS will run you \$28,917, or about the price of a high-end Mazda3. For that price, you get a 300-hp, rear wheel drive sport sedan with a bucket-load of toys.

DODGE GRAND CARAVAN: Canadians love mini-

vans, and the Grand Caravan has been a perennial hot seller in this segment. The 2007 version is the last of the jelly-bean years, but should have the excellent Stow 'n Go seating. The original price of \$30,115 should now only cost \$13,842, or a new Chevrolet Aveo. A bargain people mover.

JAGUAR S-TYPE Sure, Jaguar's S-Type was

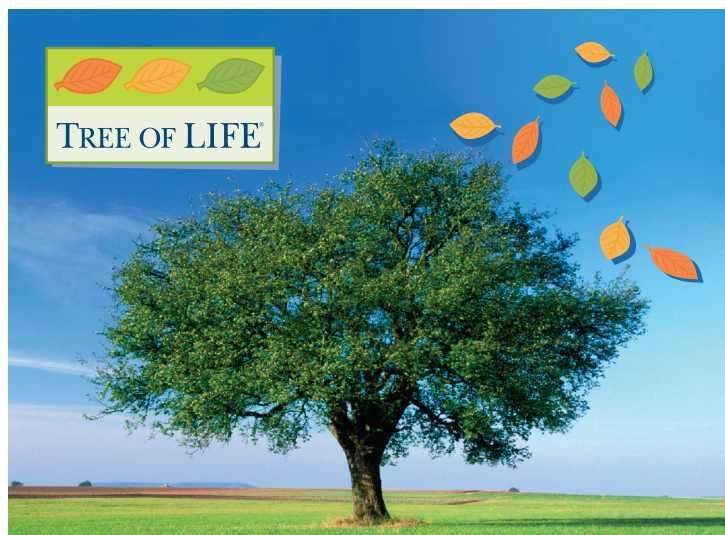
never a head-turner, but by the end of its run, it had matured into a great driver's car with solid reliability. And while the price difference isn't quite as drastic as the Caddy, the Brit's original \$74,533 tag now rings up for \$31,650.

KIA SEDONA

More minivan action here with Kia's second-generation Sedona. The powerful standard V6, huge size and numerous amenities mean it's an excellent deal. Compare \$30,995 to \$13,838 two years later, which would barely buy a new Rio5 today.

SAAB 9-7X

When at its worst, General Motors was renowned for building four, five or even six versions of a vehicle to spread over its dozen brands, which is how Saab was forced to sell a seven-seat SUV. The 9-7x is the best of the bunch, offering great looks, a good ride and plenty of toys. \$18,388 for a vehicle that originally cost \$50,390.



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One for drowsy drivers

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

You know how dangerous it is to drink and drive. What you may not know is that it can be just as deadly to drive when you're tired — the reason for Mercedes-Benz's Attention Assist.

Standard on the 2010 E-Class and S-Class, and likely to appear in other models in future, the system alerts the driver when it detects the early signs of drowsiness. It's estimated that a sleepy driver is a factor in more than 100,000 crashes in North America each year. And while you may think long-haul truckers are the most likely candidates, they only account for about one per cent of those crashes. The rest are mostly regular drivers who got some shut-eye at the wheel.

"Mercedes-Benz wanted to develop a system unique to it and to the segment," says Miki Velemirovich, E-Class product manager. "There are highly-detailed sensors that measure 70 parameters. In the first 20 minutes of driving, a profile of the driving behaviour is recorded into the management system."



If Attention Assist senses you are too tired to drive, a coffee cup lights up in the instrument cluster.

Driving Force

Once the system has "learned" how you drive, it continually monitors your steering inputs to ensure you're not deviating from that. Specifically, it's looking for something common to drowsy drivers: veering slightly off course, and then a small correction. This can indicate a driver who's dozing off, who realizes the car is leaving its lane, and then moves the steering wheel to bring it back. Drive like this, and the system chimes to get your attention, flashing a large coffee cup symbol in the instrument cluster.

Attention Assist was developed in-house by the company, and uses a steering sensor and software to monitor drivers travelling above 80 km/h.

Mercedes-Benz isn't the only manufacturer offering such a system. Saab's sys-

"There are highly-detailed sensors that measure 70 parameters."

Miki Velemirovich
of Mercedes Benz

tem, called Driver Attention Warning, uses tiny infrared in-car cameras that focus on the driver's eyes and measure the rate of blinking. If the driver's eyes are closed for too long, the car emits a warning.

Velemirovich says that focusing on vehicle movement is preferable. "A camera can't work if the driver wears sunglasses, or depending on the eye structure of certain people, it won't detect it," he says.

Give a Day, Get a Disney Day

A new Disney Parks promotion for 2010 will offer a free day's admission to 1 million guests who complete a day of volunteer work next year. The program will provide certified volunteers with a one-day ticket to any park at Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif., or Walt Disney World near Orlando, Fla., in 2010. See DisneyParks.ca. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Travel



Rock on

For the first time, the Hope Diamond, the world's best-known blue diamond, is on display without its ornate setting at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. The 45.5-carat, walnut-size diamond will be on view by itself for several months while a new setting is prepared. Long rumoured to carry a curse, the diamond was mined in India and is believed to have been part of the French crown jewels.

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Right, a teacher and student prep ingredients at Thai Cookery School. Right, BuaLoi Phueak.

Cooking up a storm in Chiang Mai

To really learn the secrets of making Thai cuisine, head overseas

NATHALIE FRASER
Metro World News



It's hard not to get excited about food when you walk through the bustling, fragrant streets of Chiang Mai, in the foothills of Mount Doi Southeap.

The city was also the first to offer tourists classes in the art of Thai cooking, when chef Sompon Nabnian set up his Thai Cookery School in 1993.

Sompon's establishment is still a favourite, with visitors flocking to the shady, open-walled compound outside the city centre to learn the basics — and more advanced tricks — of this deceptively elaborate cuisine.

A visit to the local covered market to buy fresh ingredients starts the day, and it's an inquisitive gourmet's dream to have the chef at hand to answer

any questions about the mysterious fruit and vegetables on offer.

Back at the school, Sompon and his assistants demonstrate the dishes and students are then sent to their individual workstations to prepare them by themselves.

It's a cook's paradise: ingredients have been peeled, chopped and divided into portions, all you have to do is combine them in the wok (which is trickier than it sounds, as these are placed over powerful gas burners).

The red fish curry, spicy prawn salad Chiang Mai-style or steamed banana cake that you've created are then eaten at long tables, with conversation sparking up between the guests of different nationalities — German, Australian, American, British.

Many choose to follow a single day, but we opted for a longer course and enjoyed special attention from chef Sompon, whose sense of humour extends to laughing out loud when a student burns their curry paste with smoky results.

Good to know

Thai Cookery School, 47/2 Moon Muang Rd, Opp. Thae Phrae Gate, Chiang Mai, thaicookeryschool.com.
Where to stay: Tri Gong Resi-

dence has airy rooms with air-conditioning and teak furniture from 700 baht. Guests can use the outdoor cooking facilities; trigong.com.

Where to eat: The Wok restaurant is run by the same team as the Cookery School. 44 Th. Ratchamankha.
When to visit: The Thoi

Krathong Festival during November's full moon is a great time to visit. Winter months are sunny but agreeably cool due to Chiang Mai's altitude.



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Opera returns to Bourbon Street after 90 years

Bourbon Street — where Dixieland jazz competes with karaoke bars, rock 'n' roll cover bands and strip club jukeboxes — is also

one of the first places in America where opera was heard.

Now, it's being heard there again, with a New Orleans-style twist.

Performances take place in a hotel lounge called the Puccini Bar, named for the composer of *Madama Butterfly*. And spectators sip cocktails while listening to the free, informal shows, which include arias from *La Bohème* and *Carmen*.

The lounge is located at The Inn on Bourbon, a hotel built on the site of the

French Opera House. The opera house opened in the mid-1800s and was one of the grandest theatres in New Orleans until it burned to the ground in 1919.

"We're bringing opera back to Bourbon Street," said Beth Ables, general manager of the Inn, which offers a typical study in French Quarter contrasts: As elegant as any of the nearby art galleries or antique shops, it sits near a row of strip clubs and across the street from a huge sign advertising "3-for-1" drink specials.

The French Opera House was part of a bustling theatre district in the French Quarter that started in the late 1700s and lasted through the early part of the 20th century. The city's first opera on record was Andre Ernest Gretry's *Sylvain* at the Theatre St. Pierre in the French Quarter in 1796.

While a century ago men in tuxedos and ladies in gowns would have arrived for the opera by horse-drawn carriage, today passers-by meander



The Inn on Bourbon, the hotel that now sits on the site of the French Opera House, is one of three venues hosting the New Orleans Opera Association's Opera on Tap.

from the New Orleans Opera Association as part of its Opera on Tap series, which offers performances at other bars and lounges around the city.

Robert Lyall, general and artistic director for the New Orleans Opera Association, which also stages full-scale operas, said the informal performances are a great way to reach people who would not otherwise attend an opera.

"The idea is that people have this incidental encounter with opera, lowering the barrier for them to resist the classical arts," Lyall said. "If they come away with nothing more than the realization that opera music is inviting and that it has an emotional impression even in an informal setting, then we have fulfilled a wonderful mission."

Opera performances at the Inn on Bourbon are scheduled monthly through August, though Ables said she hopes to make them a permanent fixture at the hotel.

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Celtic Colours festival

If you want to learn about the history of the tin whistle or pick up a bit of Gaelic, the 13th annual Celtic Colours International Festival is the place to be. The festival, running Oct. 9 to 17, will also present dozens of concerts at venues throughout Cape Breton; see celtic-colours.com. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Surprise! iPhone bills can sink the vacation budget

Here's how to minimize fees when you're travelling internationally

An inventory for a trip to a tropical beach could read like this: Swimsuit, check. Sunscreen, check. Passport, check. And iPhone, check.

Well, make that a possibly giant cheque, drawn from your bank account. Unaware travellers can blithely rack up eye-popping bills on their iPhones while travelling abroad.

The international roaming calling rates are bad enough, but data usage is what really delivers the sting. The root of the problem is that the iPhone, with all its apps, positively inhales data. Because domestic plans feature unlimited data, few users bother to track the amount they send and receive.

When you travel to a foreign country, this cheap smorgasbord of bits and bytes becomes a pricey a la carte menu. Worst case scenario, you don't sign up for any international plan and use your phone as you would at home, checking email, sending photos and adjusting your fantasy

football roster from the beach while enjoying an ice-cold beer and taunting your friends in chillier climates. When you get home, the bill could be hundreds or thousands of dollars.

There are some steps you can take to maintain some of the functionality of the phone without the monster bill, but it will still cost you extra.

First off, learn how to defang the functions of your iPhone that can whack your wallet: international calling and data. The easiest way to completely shut these off (other than turning off the phone) is to go into flight mode. But that leaves you with a virtually useless phone that can't make or receive calls, check email or text.

To be more selective, go to "Settings," then "General" and then "Network." Here you can shut off "Data Roaming" so you won't feast on high-priced data but can still make phone calls.

In your email settings, turn off the "Fetch" option so you won't automatically download email. Do so under "Settings," then "Mail, Contacts, Calendars" and "Fetch New Data." There

are a few options for international calling plans, which bring down the cost of making or receiving calls while abroad. A reporter used the the AT&T Mexico add-on plan for \$4.99 US a month on a recent trip, thereby qualifying for a calling rate of 59 cents per minute rather than 99 cents.

Incoming calls calls that go to voice mail also cost. And, in an amazing double-whammy, "Visual Voicemail" uses data to deliver the messages while also charging you international airtime for the duration of your friend's meandering message.

If you'd like to check

probably also sign up for an international data plan. The cheapest is the \$24.99 Global Add-On plan, which gives you 20 megabytes of data at \$1.25 per megabyte. That compares to nearly \$20 per megabyte if you don't have an international plan. There are other options going up in price and amount of data available.

Before using your iPhone in another country, you should also reset your usage statistics so you can track how close you are to your limit. Go to "Settings," then "General" and "Usage." The reset option is at the bottom. Also on the same page, there is a

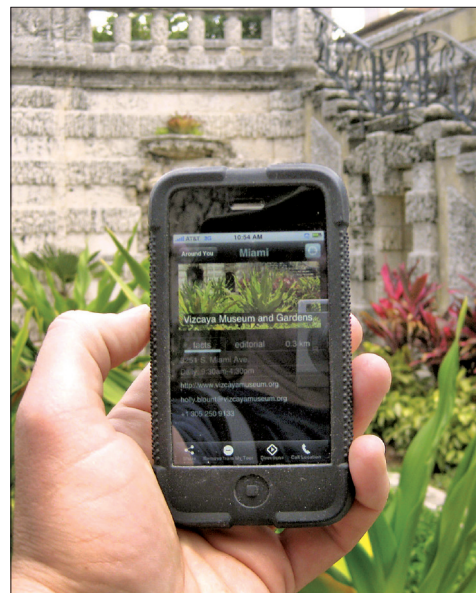
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"Cellular Network Data." This can grow at an astounding speed.

The reporter mentioned above used up a third of his 20 megabytes in an hour by checking email,

email, view maps or update Facebook with the iPhone, you should



An iPhone running the Unlike App, a travel application, at Vizcaya Museum and Gardens in Miami.

instant-messaging friends, getting directions from the Mayan Riviera resort area to Cancun's airport, and resetting my fantasy football roster for the week.

If you happen to be staying somewhere with wireless Internet access, you can dodge most of these charges. Establish a connection with the network, use Skype or another Internet phone service for all voice calls and use the wireless network to surf the web and check email.

With some care, your iPhone can make a wonderful travel companion,



An iPhone running the AAA Discounts app.

but just don't expect it to deliver quite as much as it does at home anywhere close to as cheaply.

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Left, a dish called Kaeng Khiao Wan Nuea. Centre, a golden buddha statue at Wat Doi Suthep in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Right, Bua Loi Phueak.



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Not that you need to worry about poor results as an inexperienced cook—the beginners in our group often fared better than their friends or partners who considered

themselves experts.

The only thing to worry about really is that cooking (and subsequently eating) six different dishes in one day means you're not always keen to sample more delicacies after class.

Chiang Mai highlights: Sunday Walking Street

As its name suggests, a street that is pedestrianized and transformed into a market, selling everything from desirable souvenirs to plastic knick-knacks. Plenty of food stalls too. A Satur-

day Walking Street also exists.

Anusan Night Market

If you still feel like sampling some local cuisine after a day's cooking, head for this food market featuring many stalls specializing

in local specialties and seafood. It's right in the middle of the Night Bazaar, so you can shop and snack at the same time.

The Wats

You can't visit Chiang Mai without taking in some

of the numerous Buddhist temples that also make it famous.

Wat Phra Singh is the most famous, but lose yourself among the narrow streets of the walled city and you'll discover temples of all sizes and ages.

Top professional rodeo athletes will compete for over \$1.1 million in prize money at Canada's national rodeo championships from Nov. 11 to 15 in Edmonton. See canadianfinalsrodeo.com. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Cypress Gardens closes doors

Theme park was once a Florida must-see

Cypress Gardens, which reigned as Florida's grandest theme park in the days before Disney, has shut down while its owners try to sell the attraction.

The 73-year-old park, known for water-skiing shows, lush flower gardens and Southern belles in hoop dresses, has been shuttered after years of sagging attendance and ownership changes.

The current owner, Land South Adventures, said the park was no longer financially viable. The company said in a statement it "has explored numerous management frameworks and exhausted every possible approach to keep the park running in its traditional form."

The company said it was negotiating with several potential buyers.

Cypress Gardens, once a must-see for Florida visitors, was opened in 1936 by Dick and Julie Pope, and the family sold it in 1985. The property has been bought and sold several



In this 1958 photo, a champion waterskier performs a stunt with her foot on a towline at Cypress Gardens, Fla. The 73-year-old theme park ruled Florida in the days before Disney.

times since.

It was closed in 2003, then changed hands under a complicated deal that involved help from state and local government and a non-profit conservation group. In 2004, it was hit by three hurricanes and the owners were unable to reach a settlement with an

insurance company to cover damages. The current owners bought it in October 2007 for \$16.8 million US.

The park, in the small town of Winter Haven, Fla., southwest of Orlando, was closed again in November 2008 for renovations and opened in

March, featuring its traditional botanical gardens, water park, water ski shows and concerts, but without the animal attractions and rides.

Cypress Gardens had about 100 employees when it closed, down from 700 to 800 in its heyday.

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Sunwing, Signature join forces

INDUSTRY PLAYERS Two of Canada's major vacation travel businesses are being combined. Sunwing Vacations will join forces with tour operator Signature Vacations and its retail division SellOffVacations.

Signature is owned by a U.K. company through First Choice Canada, which has been losing money over the past few years including \$20 million in the first half of 2009.

Sunwing has been owned by the Hunter family of Toronto, which will retain control of the Canadian company in partnership with Signature owner TUI Travel PLC, which operates in approximately 180 countries worldwide.

As part of the deal announced yesterday, TUI Travel will contribute \$101 million and its Canadian operations including Signature Vacations to the new venture. In return, TUI Travel will get a 25 per cent voting interest and 49 per cent ownership in the Sunwing Travel Group.

"The proposed amalgamation of tour operators will create a stronger company better able to com-

pete against Canada's leading tour operators, while offering a broader range of travel destinations to the travelling public," said Colin Hunter, chairman and majority shareholder of the Sunwing Travel Group.

He said the proposed company will be in a position to improve its product range and offer competitive prices with increased efficiencies.

The company didn't disclose what type of efficiencies it anticipates or how employees of the two businesses will be affected. However, Sunwing chief operating officer Stephen Hunter said the combined company aims to grow.

"As one of Canada's fastest growing companies with combined revenues of \$900 million, along with the improved operational efficiencies, complementary product mix and a growing retail distribution, our business will be well positioned to continue the growth and profitability curve we have achieved over the years," said Stephen Hunter, who will become president and chief executive of Sunwing. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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What's in a name?

Burnside Park was formerly known as Dartmouth Industrial Park, then Burnside Industrial Park, and later Burnside Business Park. **WIKIPEDIA.ORG**

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**Did you know?**

Burnside is the largest business park north of Boston and east of Montreal. It is adjacent to five 100 series highways, and its businesses are located within 10 to 15 minutes to downtown Halifax. Burnside is also home to the largest concentration of truck transportation in Atlantic Canada.

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GBBA working to improve park

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

Burnside hosts a sprawling workforce of some 18,000 employees working for 1,400 employers spread out over acres of industrial complexes. Nancy Sweeney's job is to bring this 20,000-headed monster together.

As chair of the Greater Burnside Business Association, she and the 14-member board work to represent the inhabitants of the park and improve life for GBBA members in the industrial estate, from restaurant owners to trucking companies. Sweeney and the board are elected to their positions and serve three-year terms.

"We offer educational and networking opportuni-



This summer, the Greater Burnside Business Association chartered a Metro Transit bus to show city councillors around Burnside Park to point out areas in need of improvement.

ties, and we do some campaigns, like a Burnside cleanup," she says of the GBBA.

The educational side takes place via "lunch and learns," where members can turn up (usually on the

third Thursday of the month) seven or eight times a year at the Ramada Park Place Hotel.

"We did one on greening your business when they regulated that you had to do composting and sort your garbage. We had someone come in to explain that," she recalls. Others have been on marketing in an economic downturn or business gurus brought in to share tips and insights.

The GBBA meets with HRM council and senior staff once a year to bring key issues up and work on solutions.

It's about "hooking people up with one another," Sweeney says. The biggest issues facing the GBBA today relate to a machine-based area and its inhospitality to humans. A lot of Burnside employees are making minimum wage, so buying a car is a luxury few can afford. The lack of

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sidewalks leads to "goat paths" as pedestrians try to stay off the dangerous streets.

The low level of service from Metro Transit means unlucky workers without cars must hike across the park down isolated roads, with only rumbling 18-wheelers for company.

"An 18-year-old girl should not have to do that," Sweeney says. "We have this incredible base of workers right next door to us and they can't get to the park. In order to grow, in terms of the number of employees, we need to be able to get them here."

Plenty to entertain you around Burnside

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

Like Las Vegas, the name Burnside conjures up images of wild weekends away. OK, maybe not. But life in the park doesn't have to be all work and no play: From yoga to rock climbing and dog walking to drinking, Burnside wants to entertain you.

The **kennels at the SPCA** (468-7877, volunteer@metro.spcans.ca) are bustling with cats and dogs

in need of love. Volunteers at the Burnside centre simply apply (in person or via metro.spcans.ca) and, once accepted, turn up to cuddle a cat whenever the urge strikes. You can also walk the dogs or get more involved in helping run the charity, if that's your style.

If work has got you bent out of shape, get bent back into shape with a yoga class at **Nubody's**. The fitness centre also teaches Pilates, offers massage therapy, personal coaching,

group cycling courses and good old-fashioned cardio classes.

Climbing the walls? Escape the office for an active lunch of indoor rock climbing at **Ground Zero**. The unassuming exterior at the corner of Wright and John Savage conceals walls that range from fairly easy to just about impossible. Ground Zero has a dedicated group of highly skilled climbers who navigate its tricky walls like Spiderman, but you can turn up with no experi-

ence at all and a basic level of fitness and find yourself safely towering over your colleagues in no time.

If you want a more sedate sport, try out the **Burnside Snooker Club** at 201 Brownlow Ave. For drinks, who could resist the charm of the **Newfoundland Club Restaurant**? Located at 40 Wright Ave., it has meals, drinks, and plenty of Newfoundlanders.

While the concrete heart of Burnside might seem a million miles from nature, **Spectacle Lake and Shubie**



Escape the office and go rock climbing at Ground Zero.

Park offer walking trails across acres of untainted wilderness.

If everything else fails, you can always run away and join the circus. At least, you can take courses that will train you in the

trades of the circus, so you're ready to hop aboard the big top next time it passes through town. **Atlantic Cirque** is based in Burnside and offers classes to the public. Check it out at atlanticcirque.com.

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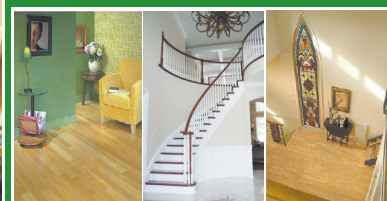
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New pedway 'will show up instantly'

RICHARD WOODBURY
for Metro Halifax

The construction of a pedway between Highfield Park and the Burnside Business Park has been long awaited.

"We've been trying to get this for so long," says Nancy Sweeney, chairperson of the Greater Burnside Business Association (GBBA).

Pedestrians have long crossed the busy highway, risking their lives to get between Victoria Road and Burnside Drive, engaging in a sort of real-life Frogger.

The project has been in the works for four years, says Dave McCusker, the manager of strategic trans-



A pedway between Highfield Park and the Burnside Business Park will be completed later this fall.

portation planning for the city of Halifax.

"There were a couple things that held up the project," he says.

McCusker says there was

some disagreement as to where exactly the pedway should be located, with the GBBA lobbying to have it run adjacent to the overpass at Burnside Drive.

A neighbourhood survey was mailed out to collect information from nearby residents and the project was taken to community council.

Sweeney says one of the reasons why people cross the highway is because a large employee base from Highfield Park works in Burnside, and the bus service from Highfield Park can be intermittent.

"The bus service isn't as spectacular as we'd like it to be," she says.

Sweeney would like to see improved bus service and more sidewalks added so that people wouldn't have to walk on the road in parts of Burnside.

Despite the construction of the pedway, there are concerns people will still cross the road to get to the Tim Hortons, located in Highfield Park.

"There will always be people who will do that," says Sweeney.

Jim Smith is the councillor for the area. He says the pedway itself is being built off-site and when it gets installed (probably on a Sunday), it will seem like it came from out of nowhere.

"It will show up instantly," he says.

The project is being cost-shared between the city and the province at a total cost of \$700,000, with the province picking up \$280,000 of that. The province is contributing 50 per cent to the cost of the pedway structure itself, with the city picking up the additional costs, such as connecting sidewalks and crosswalks.

McCusker says the project is on-schedule and it will be completed late in the fall.

Expressway may soon be reality

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

The long-planned Burnside Expressway remains a plan, but after 15 years of talk it could actually hit the streets by 2012.

The Highway 107 Extension would connect Burnside Industrial Park to Duke Street in Bedford and Glendale Drive in Sackville.

In January, the province's Department of Transport and Infrastructure Renewal said it was waiting for funding to come together, and that's where things stand.

Jim Smith, councillor for the area, said the NDP MLAs backed the plan before the election, and he's hopeful they will make it happen now that they form the government. The extension would prevent park traffic from getting clogged up on Maga-

zine Hill, saving time and money.

"I know it's something that the Greater Burnside Business Association is pushing for. There isn't a big groundswell in the residential area of District 9, but certainly in the business park, that's where the generation of requests comes from," Smith said.

Reached by Metro, Dartmouth North MLA Trevor Zinck sounded upbeat, if vague, about the expressway taking off.

"I understand the Burnside Expressway is in the planning and design phase," he said in an email interview.

"I am told the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal is moving forward on this new road, which will reduce travel time for commuters and help area businesses. The department is involved in pur-

chasing the land required for the new road.

"There isn't a firm timeline; however, I am confident the department is working as quickly as possible on this exciting project."

Nancy Sweeney, head of the GBBA, is "desperate" for the expressway to be built.

"I worked in the trucking industry ... and the amount of time we wasted sitting in traffic on Magazine Hill, or having to go down through Bedford in order to get out to Larry Uteck Drive or whatever..." she said.

"To have a mechanism where you can just zip over here and zip off, and get on any one of the three major highways, would be fabulous. It's such a pain, and such a waste of money, for the businesses trying to do their jobs. (In trucking), waiting time is a killer."

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Development in the works

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A new housing development in the works could mean short commute times for those who work in the Burnside Business Park, but the specifics of the plan still need to be worked out.

"We have the zoning," says Glenn Munro, the managing partner for eastern Canada for the North American Development Group. "We now have to finalize the development agreement with the Harbour East council and various departments at the city."

The group is responsible for the potential housing development in Dartmouth Crossing, which would be located north of Wright Avenue by the movie theatre in a 130-acre space overlooking Lake Charles. The project would be a mixture of both residential and commercial space.

"There are a whole lot of really good reasons it would be great to have."

Nancy Sweeney

In developing the application, things such as the design and discussions with the city and its planning staff will need to be worked out. Munro figures this process could take anywhere from nine to 14 months.

The Greater Burnside Business Association is not taking a stand on the development.

"There are a whole lot of really good reasons it would be great to have," says chairperson Nancy Sweeney.

She says it would offer employers in Burnside a large potential employee base to work with and it would be great for the existing retail establishments to have that increased cus-



A new potential housing development in Dartmouth Crossing could cut short commute time for those who work in Burnside.

tomers base. It would also be handy for the people living there, who would be able to bike to and from work and have shorter commute times.

But she has her reservations.

One of Sweeney's concerns has to do with transit access. She says Metro Transit already needs to

step up its service to the area to deal with current demand, independent of the potential development.

"The bus service isn't as spectacular as we'd like it to be," she says.

Another concern she has is potential noise problems at the development because of the traffic, and the industrial nature of the area.

Munro says this is a valid concern, but he says the location of the site provides a natural sound barrier.

The site would be designed sustainably and would incorporate parkland throughout the project.

Munro points to his company's existing track record at Dartmouth Cross-

ing to showcase his company's environmental record.

"We've been very careful about integrating nature and pathways into the project," he says, using the example of the trout spawning pond at Dartmouth Crossing as an example. This pond is fed rainwater from the rooftop at Walmart.



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It wasn't always this way. "In the old days, you'd be up and around," he says. "You'd be going to the filing cabinets and here and there and everywhere. Nowadays, you don't even have to leave your desk to retrieve documents or anything. So a lot of people are in a stagnant position for long periods of time, which is very detrimental to the human body."

This places an impor-

tance on maintaining proper posture and having the right equipment, says MacPhail.

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For the month of September, Metro's Workology section will be focusing on the extremely lucrative and soon to be booming employment sector of skilled trades. So be sure to read Workology and Metronews.ca/work every day.

Workology

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International influx

Centennial College, in Toronto, reports that foreign student enrolment for the fall semester has risen more than 40 per cent over last year. Domestic student enrolment is up by 13 per cent. Full-time student enrolment at the college has increased by 16 per cent this fall, over double the Ontario average.

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Skilled Trades

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Experienced, professional trades people make all the difference when good work needs to be done — especially when it comes to electrical and plumbing work. Meet two masters of their chosen trade:

ELECTRICIAN

You may have seen electrician Sandy Ragno and his talented team on the hit show *Holmes on Homes* but most of the time, good electrical work goes relatively unseen.

Ragno, 51, runs Solo Elec-

tric Ltd. in Toronto and has had to use his skills to correct a lion's share of shoddy, dangerous electrical work. He got into the electrical trade after realizing sitting in a classroom wasn't his thing.

"My first move was to try university but I didn't care for it much because I'm a hands-on kind of guy," Ragno said.

Instead, he did an electrician's apprenticeship at Humber College in Toronto and started his own business at the age of 22, employing licensed help before he himself had even gotten licensed.

While plenty of young people are entering the field, Ragno says the work isn't cut out for everyone as being a good electrician is as much about creative problem-solving as it is about technical skills.

"You have to be mechanically inclined — you have to be able to look at things and know how they work to diagnose problems. We can

train almost anybody at it but once you get into a little troubleshooting, that's when minds go blank," Ragno said.

PLUMBER

Bill Reid, 60, owns and operates Reid Brothers Plumbing and Heating Ltd. in Vancouver and has built a career doing something he never originally thought he'd do as a job.

He learned to install pipe when he was just 12 but tried various careers after completing a Bachelor of Science degree, including a two-year stint in accounting, before realizing he preferred working with his hands.

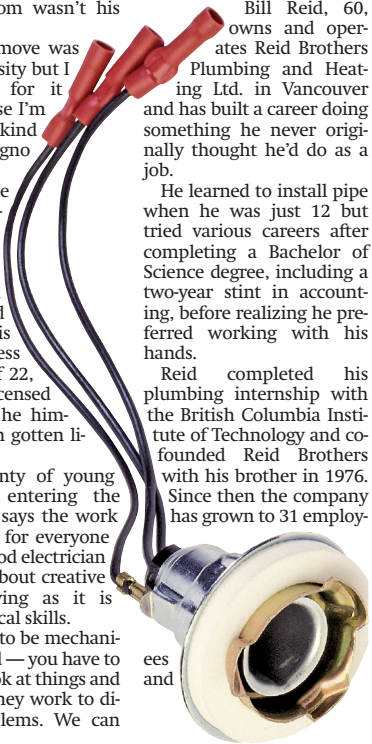
Reid completed his plumbing internship with the British Columbia Institute of Technology and co-founded Reid Brothers with his brother in 1976. Since then the company has grown to 31 employ-

ees and quotes more than 60 jobs each month, an example of the strength of the plumbing and heating service industry in general.

"From 2002 until today essentially there has been no slowdown in our work. It's a business that largely just repeats on its own — we don't have to do a lot of advertising," Reid said.

All of Reid's years of experience have taught him that ultimately plumbing and heating is more about the service side of things than just the particulars of pipes and bolts.

"This has always been about the people — we're in the service industry, we just happen to work in plumbing and heating," Reid said.



For more of the Skilled Trades exclusive series check Workology frequently or stop by: metronews.ca/work

Entrepreneurs vie for cash in the Den

Dragons' Den

Dianne Buckner

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It takes guts to appear on a reality show. Just like it takes guts to try and get a job — or keep a job — in today's helter-skelter economy.

You can see what I mean on tonight's season premiere of *Dragons' Den*, the program I host on CBC. If you've never seen it, the premise is simple: Eager, cash-hungry entrepreneurs pitch for an investment from a panel of wealthy Canadian business moguls.

These "pitchers" as we call them, are trying to win a deal, not a job, but the process is similar. They have to make a good first impression, offer something valuable, describe it in an enticing way and answer a series of tough questions — all the while attempting to appear calm and confident. Not easy, especially when television cameras surround them while they face down five sharp-minded operators (or if you really need that job or promotion).

It's fascinating to watch how people react under pressure — some literally sweat buckets while others are so slick and composed,

it's amazing.

In the Den, it's fairly easy to see who came prepared, and who did not. Some pitchers have their numbers down cold — they can tell the Dragons the size of the market, the number of big competitors and their profit margins. Others are all flash — a glitzy demo that does not offer much in the way of business savvy.

I'm sure potential employers see the same thing. I know I did when I was hiring for programs in the past. Some applicants do their research — they know what Job No. 1 is for your organization and have thought hard about how to show that their qualities match the job requirements.

You may learn something from the wide variety of pitching styles on tonight's episode — some good, some bad, some ugly. Questions from the Dragons include some about crabs in the nether region and the appeal of an eco-friendly approach to wiping in the bathroom. There are plenty of intriguing new business ideas too — Canada is bursting with creativity. And when entrepreneurs manage to convince these well-connected business titans to invest — they could soon be hiring, creating more jobs.

And that, too, takes guts.

Dianne Buckner is the host of *Dragons' Den*. Tonight's episode airs at 8 p.m. on CBC. Follow Dianne on Twitter @DianneBuckner.

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Cryer adopts baby girl

Recent Emmy winner Jon Cryer is more reason to celebrate. The actor and his wife, Lisa Joyner, have adopted a six-week-old baby girl named Daisy Lee, according to The Insider. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Along for the ride

Zombieland takes Jesse Eisenberg back to the amusement park

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Jesse Eisenberg is just about fed up with amusement parks. After starring earlier this year in Adventureland as a theme park toiler, the young actor hits theaters this week in Zombieland, which sets its climactic battle beneath feris wheels and tilt-a-whirls. "It's the most inefficient place to do a movie," he gripes.

"Even if it's a closeup of an actor, if there's a ride in the background doing anything, they have to have extras on it and have it going," Eisenberg explains. "I

was tired of it on the first day of shooting." But he hasn't ruled out returning to such a setting in the future. "I'll do whatever they put me in," he says, "but I'd prefer not."

In Zombieland, Eisenberg plays one of a handful of survivors of a virus that's reduced most of the population to flesh-hungry monsters. "We actually planned the swine flu to coincide with the movie opening," he jokes. "And, you know, there's some collateral damage, but ultimately we'll have a big opening

weekend."

Though admittedly not a fan of the zombie genre, Eisenberg was impressed enough by what the writers conjured up to sign on. "The script was endlessly violent," he says. "All the kills were so creative." But the amount of gunplay involved with playing a survivor of the zombie apocalypse did give him pause.

"I don't really like using guns. I don't want to be promoting violence in a fun way," Eisenberg explains. "There are too many guns in the world, so

I don't want to be part of that. But I think the movie is pretty responsible in terms of the values that it promotes."

Still, Eisenberg admits that compromise does have its benefits, as starring in movies like Zombieland can make it easier to get his more personal projects off the ground. For instance, he recently booked the part of Allen Ginsberg in Kill Your Darlings, set in the early days of the Beat Generation. "The Ginsberg movie is so far down the road because it's trying to raise money," he says. "And it's about homosexual beat poets and a murder. It's not the thing

Zombieland opens in theatres this Friday



Eight is enough

TLC HAS confirmed to the Associated Press that Jon and Kate Plus Eight will be renamed Kate Plus Eight, beginning Nov. 2.

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Jesse Eisenberg stars in Zombieland, which hits theaters this week.

investors are jumping at, probably."

But first he's got a more high-profile job to tackle: portraying Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg in David Fincher's the Social Network, chronicling the creation of the hugely successful site. Eisenberg

hasn't had a chance to chat with Zuckerberg yet, however. "I would like to," he says. "I don't know what I can say. He's not involved in the movie, I suppose if I say anything else, I'll be sued by the movie company and the Internet company."

Director tells Carey to leave diva act at home

Lee Daniels had so much faith in Mariah Carey's acting that when the director's first choice to play a dowdy, non-sense social worker — Oscar-winner Helen Mirren — backed out, he quickly asked Carey to step in.

But Daniels was well aware that in hiring Mariah Carey, the actress, he was also likely to get Mariah Carey, the diva — a high-maintenance sideshow that would include an entourage of makeup artists, assistants, publicists and other hangers-on, running counter to the energy he wanted the superstar to exude in his searing drama Precious. He had cast her as the lead in last year's film Tennessee.

So, as he gave her the role, he also issued a warning: Leave the diva act at home. "If you come with a strip of makeup on," he recalls telling her, "I will have a backup (actress)."

"I knew that she would be out of her safety zone, and I knew that there would be no one for her to rely on, to say, 'Get me this, get me that,'" he said. "I

could see in her eyes — 'What is Lee doing to me?' But I knew that she trusted me."

By putting her faith in Daniels, Carey may have finally proven to critics that formidable talent extends to more than just her voice. She's garnered high praise for her turn in the film, which is being released nationwide on Nov. 6.

But more importantly for Carey, the role helped her shed some of the insecurities that not only hindered her in acting, but in her real

life.

"That was such a freeing experience for me," Carey says during a recent interview. "By making me look so bad he brought out the ability to never be self-conscious again, and that was a gift that he gave me."

After years of striving to reach an ideal — from her personal life to her music



Mariah Carey stars in the drama Precious and has a new album out called Memories of an Imperfect Angel.

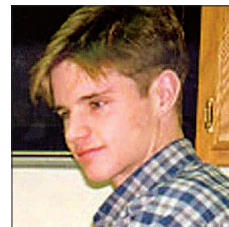
Laramie Project epilogue depicts killer as lacking remorse

A decade after The Laramie Project became a theatrical phenomenon, its creators are back with an epilogue highlighted by a riveting prison interview with the killer of gay college student Matthew Shepard — depicting him as candid but not remorseful over the murder.

The new production, which opens nationwide in the U.S. on Oct. 12 features a segment based on more than 10 hours of face-to-face interviews with convicted killer Aaron McKinney, conducted by Greg Pierotti, a gay actor/writer who helped create the original docudrama.

According to the detailed notes taken by Pierotti and condensed into the new script, McKinney says he had been drawn to crime ever since childhood, feels sympathy for Shepard's parents and expresses regret that he let his own father down.

"As far as Matt is concerned, I don't have any remorse," McKinney is quoted as saying in the script, which was provided to The Associated Press by the



Matthew Shepard

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Aaron McKinney

production company.

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At the root of it

Alt.country trio Avett Brothers shift to spurts of indie rock with ease on latest record

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It's rare that a band so deftly combines alt.country sounds with excitable indie rock, but that's exactly what the Avett Brothers have done on their new disc, *I and Love and You*.

The trio, which includes Scott Avett on vocals and banjo, his brother Seth on guitar and Bob Crawford on bass, doesn't so much combine the two genres together as shift from one sound to the next.

"We grew up on a dirt road away from the city, so country music was always on tap there," says the North Carolina-raised Scott. "But Seth and I were rebelling constantly so we were playing different types of music."

The brothers' first band was a noise-rock group called Nemo, but it wasn't long before Avett turned to the music they heard growing up for inspiration. "We picked up softer instruments so we could trim the fat," says Seth. "Then we realized that we were hiding behind the distortion."

But while the fuzz might be gone, the brash sounds aren't. On *Kick Drum Heart* the threesome rip through the poppy, piano-based number like classic Ben Folds, while Tin Man's acoustic rock vibe recalls Counting Crows-mixed-with CSNY.

The upbeat tracks are fun to say the least, but it's the slower numbers that really drive the band. January Wedding is an infec-



The Avett Brothers partnered with legendary producer Rick Rubin for their newest release, *I and Love and You*.

tious Americana tune; *Darkness* is a haunting, Will Oldham-like song with political undertones.

It's the folk part of their sound that got legendary producer Rick Rubin to take notice. Rubin heard some of their previous work and invited the band to his house for a chat. "We talked about music and every day things," says Seth. "And about the possibilities of working together."

Seth admits that while he was excited about working with Rubin he was a skeptical. Bands get wooed all the time but nothing comes of it. But after their meeting the Avett Brothers knew it was going to work out.

"When we met him he was just awesome. Very friendly and throughout the process he maintained

that with a lot of integrity and taste," Seth explains.

Now that the album is done — and on Rubin's label — the group has started

to feel the effects of being on a major; they had previously released a few discs on an indie. The biggest difference is a bigger budget, and that marketing machine that comes with it.

But, while the trio are getting more attention than ever, they're not letting it go to their heads. At 33, Seth's days of wanting to be a rock star are behind him. Now he's making music because he wants to.

"I can remember being 19 and saying to my friends if this doesn't happen by 21 I'm going to quit. Same thing at 24 and 27," he says. "But if I'm an artist and I choose the medium I'm working in what does age have to do with that?"

New album

• *I and Love and You* is the new album by Avett Brothers.



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Mr. T banishes the bling

A-Team star Mr. T says he has hung up his trademark gold chains for good as a mark of respect for the victims of hurricane Katrina.

The actor — real name Laurence Tureaud — first retired the bling in 2005 after witnessing the devastation in the southern U.S. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Fifty years later, the Zone's message lives on

On a Friday night in October 1959, TV viewers began slipping into a dimension of imagination as vast as space and as timeless as infinity. They've really never returned.

The Twilight Zone has resonated with viewers around the world from generation to generation with memorable stories

carrying universal messages about society's ills and the human condition.

Like the time-space warps that anchored so many of the show's plots, Rod Serling's veiled commentary remains as soul-baring today as it did a half-century ago.

"I'm interested in the escapist ideas, the psychological nature of the stories,"

said Lauren Chizinski of Houston, a Syracuse University student who is taking a class on the show and its 50th anniversary.

The Twilight Zone has been exulted in mediums such as pinball and video games — and The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror ride at Disney theme parks.

The original show led to a feature film by Steven

"The whole idea of The Twilight Zone ... became a buzzword for something much beyond the TV show itself."

Robert Thompson

Spielberg and John Landis in 1983. It is reportedly

soon to appear again on the silver screen from Leonardo DiCaprio's production company.

It has also been the subject of scores of books, websites, blogs, comic books and magazines.

It has even inspired music from the Grateful Dead, Rush, Golden Earring and Michael Jackson.

The Twilight Zone pio-

neered a genre, said Robert Thompson, director of the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University.

"The whole idea of The Twilight Zone jumped off the television screen and became a catchphrase, a buzzword for something much beyond the TV show itself," Thompson added.

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The killer: Aaron McKinney is escorted to court for a hearing in Laramie, Wyo., in October 1998.

Killer depicted as lacking remorse

EPILOGUE A decade after The Laramie Project became a theatrical phenomenon, its creators are back.

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McKinney and his accomplice, Russell Henderson, targeted Shepard at a bar in Laramie in part because they assumed he was gay.

Early on Oct. 7, 1998, McKinney and Henderson offered Shepard a ride in their car, then robbed and savagely pistol-whipped him and left him tied to a fence in a remote area outside the town.

The 21-year-old University of Wyoming student was found 18 hours later and died in a Colorado hospital on Oct. 12.

More than 1,000 actors — amateur and professional — will be performing when the new show premieres next month on the 11th anniversary of Shepard's death.

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Jackson boots fetch \$16,000

Late musician's crystal footwear sell at AIDS auction

Crystal-studded boots that Michael Jackson intended to wear on his planned comeback tour fetched about \$16,000 at a celebrity fundraiser chaired by his sister, Janet.

The charity event, held on the sidelines of Milan Fashion Week, attracted such fashion luminaries as Donatella Versace and model Linda Evangelista, as well as rapper and producer Kanye West.

Organizers say the event late Monday netted more than \$1.2 million for the American Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR), a non-profit organization that supports HIV/AIDS research.

The event included a charity dinner in a central Milan palace and continued into the early hours of Tuesday with French DJ Bob Sinclar serving his famous mixes on an upstairs dance floor.

"I'd just like to thank everyone here in the global fashion community who've done so much to help amfAR and to sup-

"Today with your help millions of people are living with HIV."

Janet Jackson

port HIV/AIDS research," Jackson told celebrity diners, who paid anywhere from \$1,500 to \$8,000 apiece to attend the dinner.

"When this terrible pandemic began everyone . . . who was infected died of AIDS. Today with your help millions of people are living with HIV."

She remembered the 5,000 who die of the disease every day.

Evangelista recalled the death of her first booking agent due to AIDS in the early days of the epidemic. "Those were desperate times for so many of us. I watched him die and helped bury him, not understanding any of it," Evangelista said. "The fashion industry was especially hard hit by AIDS."

But amfAR CEO Kevin



Michael Jackson's boots were auctioned off in Milan to raise money for AIDS.

Robert Frost celebrated the first "flicker of hope" that the AIDS epidemic may one day be contained, the news last week that a two-vaccine combination tested in Thailand had cut the risk of being infected with HIV by one-third. Researchers say the results are not good enough for immediate use, but the results were widely viewed in the AIDS prevention and research camps as a hopeful sign.

"That, my friends, is the power of research," Frost said.

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Busy's no bother, says Lowe

Some actors find that a hit TV show can be as much a curse as a blessing.

There are the long hours, the shooting schedules that preclude working on other projects and the occasionally career-killing typecasting that can befall an actor who has played an memorable character.

But Rob Lowe says he has been around long enough to appreciate the success of his drama, *Brothers & Sisters*, which aired its fourth season premiere over the weekend.

"I'm always happy for something that I'm working hard on to be as accepted and loved as this show is," Lowe said.

"I know how hard it is to have something that people take into their heart, like they do *Brothers & Sisters*. So I love it. That said, I need to have other areas as well."

Even if it means working around the clock.

Lowe took on a role in the new Ricky Gervais-directed comedy *The Invention Of Lying*, which

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Rob Lowe

opens Friday.

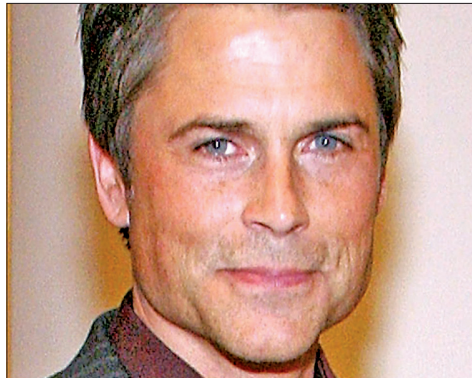
It meant commuting between Los Angeles, where *Brothers & Sisters* is shot, to Boston, where Gervais's film was being made.

"It was pretty arduous," said Lowe, slouched in an armchair in a tight blue sweater and a pair of jeans.

"With that kind of schedule, you're just working. There's no such thing as a weekend. You're just working, but it's good. You sleep on the plane."

The *Invention Of Lying* takes place in an alternate universe where people are only capable of telling the truth.

The exception: Ger-



Rob Lowe says he has been working so hard 'there's no such thing as a weekend.' But it's good, he says.

vais's character, Mark Bellison, a down-on-his-luck screenwriter whose fortunes turn when he learns he's the only person in the world who can lie.

Lowe plays Brad Kessler, a smarmy co-worker of Bellison's and his hated nemesis.

He said he couldn't turn down the opportunity to work with Gervais.

"It's funny, there's something about guys like Ricky, Mike Myers,

Lorne Michaels, Jason Reitman — a lot of them are Canadians, interestingly enough, a lot of them from Toronto — who clearly

see something in me that they are simpatico with," Lowe said.

"I have no earthly idea what it is, but I'm glad they do, because whenever I hook up with them we have really, really good results."

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First Lady reports on U.S. women

SHRIVER'S REPORT Maria Shriver and NBC Universal are teaming up for a week-long programming series on the state of 21st-century U.S. women.

The programs, which will be distributed on NBC Universal TV channels and online, are based on The Shriver Report: A Woman's Nation Changes Everything."

Shriver, the first lady of California and a former NBC News correspondent, conducted the study with the Center for American

Progress. NBC Universal said the series kicks off Oct. 18 when Shriver appears on NBC's program, *Meet The Press*.

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57	57	57	STAR	etalk	TMZ (N)	Look-A-Like	TMZ	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)		The View (HDTV) (N)		Dr. Oz Show
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251	251	251	WGN	Be-Millionaire	Evening News	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	America's Next Top Model (N)		Melrose Place		WGN News

critics' corner

Dragon's Den
I've got the idea; you've got the loot; let's make lots of money. Season four of this popular reality series opens tonight with a new crop of entrepreneurs pitching their ideas to a panel of venture capitalists — the "Dragons" — in hopes of getting some money and advice to put them into production. Dianne Buckner returns as host. 8 PM on CBC.



Hank
Emmy winner Kelsey Grammer ("Frasier") returns to series television as Hank Pryor, a driven sports retail entrepreneur who is forced to give up his swank New York lifestyle and move his family back to his small Virginia hometown after his company downsizes. Back on his old turf, Hank tries to start over while also reconnecting with his two kids in this new comedy. 9 PM on ABC.

The Tudors
Season three opens in 1536, as Henry (Jonathan Rhys Meyers) weds Lady Jane Seymour (Annabelle Wallis), whose many kindnesses include effecting a reconciliation between the king and Lady Mary (Sarah Bolger), his daughter by Catherine of Aragon. Henry sends Charles Brandon (Henry Cavill) into the north country to quash a Catholic rebellion ignited by Cromwell's (James Frain) harsh religious reforms. 9 PM on CBC.

Celebrity Buzz

ScarJo stunned she's hitched

ME? MARRIED? NEVER There were plenty of people surprised by Scarlett Johansson's remote Canadian wedding to Ryan Reynolds last September — and you can count Johansson among them, *people.com* reports.

"I never really thought about getting married — it just kind of happened," the actress, 25, tells *Glamour* for its November issue, hitting newsstands Tuesday.

"It seemed natural, the right thing to do. It was kind of a celebration of the time."

But Johansson says she likes the feeling,

even if she doesn't feel all that different.

"I think the only difference is that I'm kind of making my own little family now, which is funny," she says. "It's like a little bit of a tribe. You hope that a relationship makes you better, that you learn things about yourself."

Other changes could also be on the horizon, she indicated,

though she'd first have to

overcome a personal hang-up or two. "I would love to work on Broadway, but I don't know that it would manifest itself in musical theater ... I have terrible stage fright that I'd have to get over," she says.

"It came on when I was a teenager, and I think it somehow sticks with you."

As for the future, "You never know. I might open my own bakery!" she says with a laugh before admitting, "The thing is, I don't know how to do anything else, other than things that relate to film ... I don't know anything except for movies, other than some Trivial Pursuit kind of information."

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Short skirts are 'shocking' to Kelly

THE HORROR Former wild child Kelly Osbourne is growing up fast. The Dancing with the Stars contestant was overheard at a recent party for Teen Vogue telling a pal that she was "shocked" at how short some of the partygoers' skirts were, considering they were so young, according to Page Six.

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Spencer Pratt: I am more famous

SAY WHAT? Kim, Khloe and Kourtney Kardashian have been dominating all the headlines lately.

But Hills star Spencer Pratt claims he is still more famous than the three reality star sibs, *usmagazine.com* reports.

"Speidi is Barack and Michelle famous, not Kardashian famous!" Pratt, 26, tells the *New York Post*, comparing his relationship with wife Heidi Mon-

tag to the Obamas.

He later added, "The fact that USA Today said we're the third most famous couple in the world after Brangelina and The Obamas is amazing. I don't care what people say about me. It's cool."

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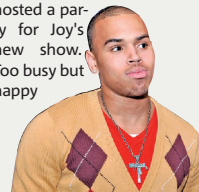
Celebrity tweets

Kristie Alley wants revenge for all the British actors getting parts on U.S. TV, **Chris Brown** keeps his head up, and **Barbara Walters** is a busy lady.

• @kristiealley I THINK I WILL JUST MOVE TO ENGLAND AND STEAL THEIR ROLES..AND rolls

• @mechanicaldummy STAY POSITIVE THROUGH RUFF TIMES..negative people wanna see me fall or crack. it wont happen as long as GOD GOT ME AND MY FANS. LOVE YALL

• @BarbaraWalters Lunched with Prime Minister of Australia. The View is big there. Really At night hosted a party for Joy's new show. Too busy but happy



Jude's see no baby policy

WAITING GAME Jude Law has not met the daughter he allegedly had with Samantha Burke — and he doesn't plan to until the results of a paternity test come through, according to *News of the World*.

"It was an act of kindness rather than an admission that he was the dad," a source says of Law's decision to pay for the birth. "Until he is 100 per cent certain she is his daughter he is only communicating through lawyers. If he is the father he will meet his obligations to the child."

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Gibson wants charges dropped

LONG ENOUGH Mel Gibson wants his record wiped clean of the DUI that sidelined his career three years ago, *popeater.com* reports.

In court papers obtained by TMZ, the actor-director's lawyer lays out plans to ask a judge to remove the DUI, citing his successful completion of a three-year probation. According to the report, Gibson's lawyer, Blair Berk, will make the request early next week.

The *Braveheart* star was arrested in July 2006 in Malibu. The arrest report revealed that Gibson verbally abused the officer and launching into an anti-Semitic rant.

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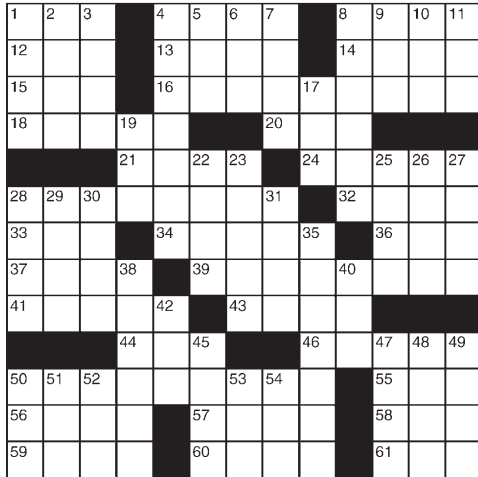
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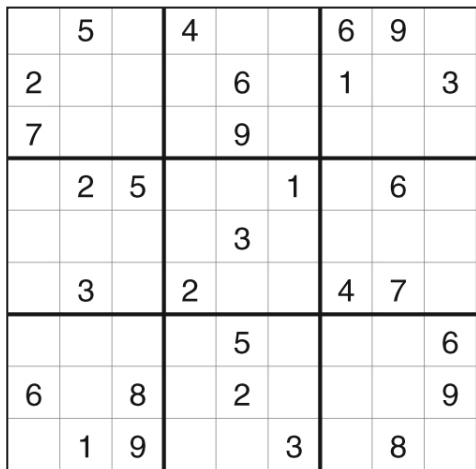
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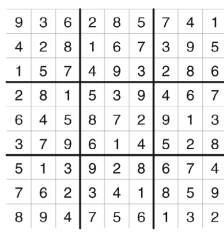
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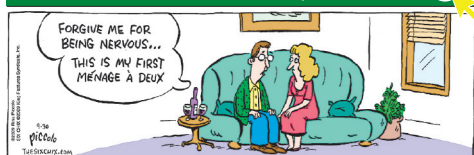


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Metro Recipe of the Day



Veggie Brown Rice Wraps

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 medium red or green pepper, diced
- 1 cup (250 mL) sliced fresh mushrooms
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
- 2 cups (500 mL) cooked brown rice
- 1 can (540 mL) kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup (250 mL) frozen corn, thawed
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) chopped green onions
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) pepper
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- 6 flour tortillas, warmed
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) shredded cheddar cheese

3/4 cup (175 mL) salsa

METHOD:

1. In large nonstick skillet, sauté red pepper, mushrooms and garlic in oil until tender. Add next seven ingredients. Cook and stir 4-6 minutes or until heated through.
2. Spoon 3/4 cup (175 mL) onto each tortilla. Sprinkle with cheese; drizzle with salsa. Fold sides of tortilla over filling; serve immediately.

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
It will be easier to get along with people if you can get out of the habit of assuming that everyone shares your values and convictions.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Matters of a routine nature seem to be taking up most of your time and, although that might be boring, you should make a good job of them.



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
What is the number one thing you should be doing at this very moment? So why are you not doing it?



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
You fear the worst for no good reason, but what happens today will convince you that life is good and getting better by the moment.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
The Sun's transit of your fellow Air sign of Libra will smooth your path and help you to find energy and commitment.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Steer clear of other people's emotional problems. No matter how many hints they may drop you must not get involved.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Partners and loved ones seem to be demanding more of your time and attention than you want to give but make an effort and do as they ask.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Something you have been striving to master will come right today. Celebrate, by all means, but don't get carried away by your relative success.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
You will get the chance to move up in the world socially and professionally over the next few days. It may be a big way or it may be a small way.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
The Sun in Libra at this time of year endows you with limitless self-confidence, but there are some interesting challenges coming your way.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Money matters must come first today, and that means, among other things, watching what you say to those who hold the purse strings.



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Having agreed to help out a friend or a family member you must live up to your promise — and maybe next time you won't promise so much.



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- SEPT. 30, 1888: Jack the Ripper kills his third and fourth victims, Elizabeth Stride and Catherine Eddowes.
- SEPT. 30, 1901: Hubert Cecil Booth patents the vacuum cleaner.
- SEPT. 30, 1927: Babe Ruth becomes the first baseball player to hit 60 home runs in a season
- SEPT. 30, 1938: The League of Nations unanimously outlaws "intentional bombings of civilian populations."
- SEPT. 30, 1955: Film icon James Dean dies in a road accident at age 24.
- SEPT. 30, 1962: James Meredith enters the University of Mississippi, defying segregation.

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